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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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 Mr. Holloman _____
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TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-256)

SUBJECT: FLORIDA BOMBING CASES
 CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: August 29, 1952

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE (deceased)
HARRIETT MOORE (deceased)
 - VICTIMS.
 CIVIL RIGHTS

At the present time, our investigative activity in this matter consists primarily of further development of Confidential Informant [redacted] and the use of discreet and confidential surveillances on key members of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans.

CI [redacted] has been in contact with suspect [redacted] several times recently but has not been able to determine whether [redacted] actually participated in the bombing of the MOORE residence. CI [redacted] has expressed the belief, however, that if [redacted] did actually participate, he will ultimately be able to so learn from [redacted].

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CI [redacted] has also been in contact with [redacted] Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando Klavern, and with CECIL LANGDALE, Head of the Klokkan Committee of that Klavern. These contacts have not produced any information as to the identity of the unknown subjects in this case. However, it is interesting to note that CECIL LANGDALE has told the Informant that he is well versed in the proper methods of using dynamite and stated he could fix dynamite, so that it could be set off by a three year old child with safety.

At the present time, it appears that all pending investigation in this case should be concluded within thirty days. Although we are also, at this time, engaged in drawing up a list of the witnesses that we feel should be subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury, and are also drafting the questions we feel these witnesses should be asked, this, obviously, cannot be completed until the phases of our investigation mentioned above are brought to a logical conclusion. We have sufficient personnel assigned to this case and it is receiving continuous attention.

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 cc: 44-264
 cc: 44-270

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Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF JEWISH TEMPLES,
SCHOOLS and CENTERS, Miami,
Florida
CIVIL RIGHTS

All leads in this case have been completed. It is presently being maintained in a pending status, and as additional leads come in from time to time they are immediately handled. This case was discussed with [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, prior to his departure for Washington, last June. At that time, [redacted] did not indicate exactly who he planned to subpoena before the Federal Grand Jury in connection with that [redacted] inquiry into this case. Upon his return to Miami, this matter will again be discussed with him and every assistance rendered.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ST. PETER and PAUL CATHOLIC
CHURCH, MIAMI, FLORIDA
CIVIL RIGHTS

This case is presently in a pending inactive status in the Miami Office. All apparent leads have been exhausted. This case was also discussed with [redacted] during June, 1952, and he indicated that he intended to present this matter to a Federal Grand Jury in conjunction with the case involving the bombing of the Jewish Temples, etc.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF CARVER VILLAGE,
EDISON CENTER, Miami, Florida,
September 22, 1951,
November 30, 1951
CIVIL RIGHTS; CONSPIRACY;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

This investigation has been substantially completed. The few remaining miscellaneous leads are currently receiving

Director, FBI

attention, and it does not appear that any of them have much promise. An investigative report will be submitted within a week.

We have drawn up a list of witnesses that we believe should be subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, during the presentation of this case and those cases involving violations of Section 1001, U. S. Code, Title 18. We are now in the process of drafting the questions that we believe these witnesses should be asked before the Federal Grand Jury.

This and all of the above mentioned cases, were discussed with [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at Miami, in June, 1952. He indicated he wanted to have the backgrounds of these cases and our views upon them in mind when he reviewed the files in the Department in Washington. He indicated that he planned to return from Washington during about the middle of August, 1952, and further indicated that he expected these cases to be presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, early in September, 1952.

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[redacted] advised that upon his return to Miami, he wished to again discuss these cases with us and in greater detail. He stated, at that time, that he wished to go over with us the testimony that might be expected from each witness, in considerable detail. [redacted] has not yet returned to Miami, nor has he been in contact with me since his departure for Washington. His office in Miami does not know exactly when he will return here.

Pursuant to the instructions of Bureau teletype August 13, 1952, we will continue to advise the Bureau each week of recent developments in all these cases.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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(Date)

Title and Character of Case

Victims

CIVIL RIGHTS

Field Division File Number

Bureau File Number

Description of Property Being Held



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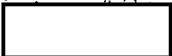
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Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

- December 27, 1951
- December 30, 1951
- January 1, 1952

Source from Which Property Acquired

Search of



Location of Property

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet, Miami Office

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

Evidence and investigative aids.

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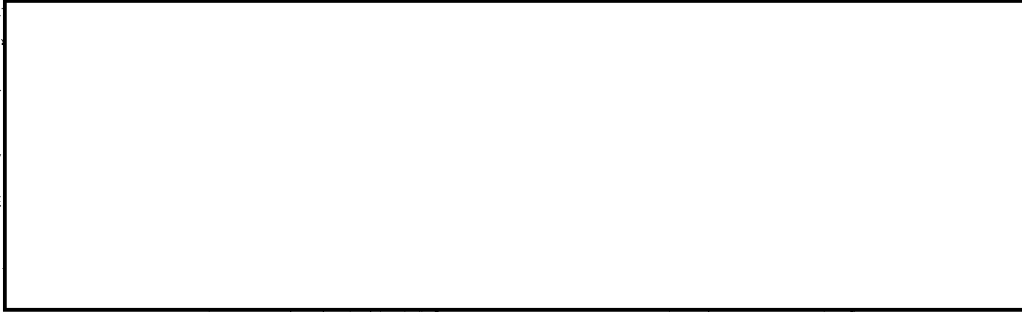
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, MARILENE MOORE -
Victims
CIVIL RIGHTS

Description of Property Being Held (Cont'd.)



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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter, dated July 31, 1952, addressed to a Special Agent of our Miami Division, has been referred to me.

In connection with the situation discussed by you, I must advise that it is not within the province of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to issue a clearance, of any type, to individuals for either private or public employment. Although I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write, I must advise that in this instance I am unable to be of service to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

fu Miami
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CC: 2-Miami
MIAMI NOTE:
Re: Unknown Subjects, Harry T. Moore, et al, - Victims, CR.
Your file 44-270. Reurmemo August 15, 1952.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 15, 1952

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (44-270)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased)- VICTIMS
CR

There is enclosed a letter received by Special Agent FRANK F. MEECH of this Office from [redacted] under date of July 31, 1952.

Agent MEECH and Special Agent JAMES P. SHANNON proceeded, with Bureau authority, to Jackson, South Carolina, and interviewed one [redacted] obtaining from him a signed statement in which he admitted participation in numerous terrorist incidents, rides and attempted rides. The details of this interview were set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1952, in captioned matter.

[redacted] is the mother of [redacted]

It is contemplated that [redacted] will be used on and will be helpful in the forthcoming Federal Grand Jury hearing the HARRY T. MOORE case.

I have written a letter to [redacted] advising her that the letter has been referred to the Bureau as the matter was beyond the control of this Office.

The enclosed is for whatever action is deemed appropriate by the Bureau.

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Jackson, So. Carolina, R-1
July 31, 1952.

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Mr F. J. Meed:-

Dear Sir:-

I am going to
make an appeal to you. In
behalf of my son, [redacted]
whose case you recall.

Could you use your influence
with the "higher up's" in the
F. B. I. to get [redacted] released
from the one mistake in his
"trouble life" in joining the
Klux Klux Klan.

He always was a good
Boy, as I gave him the proper
training, at the age of 14 he had
to be at home at five o'clock
while other Boys the same age
were roaming the streets.

He entered the Service
when he was 19 yrs old, serving
his Country as a good loyal

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Soldier for 3 yrs. under one

[redacted]

from N. Y. C., I still have a letter from his Captain, written to me at the time [redacted] only Brother was killed in action in Germany. he stated, that [redacted] was a son. I may well be proud of

he married shortly after coming out of the service and had been with us ever since working with his dad as a carpenter, and is a good one, and had a good job out here on this "Savannah River Project" and was well liked by his Foreman and was about to be set up as a Foreman himself, when the F.B.I. found out by those "squealing rackets" at Apopka Fla. that he "had been" in the Klan. we all know

that there are active Klans men, working every day on this project.

Then why does my son have to be singled out and "terminated" and barred from Government jobs. a young man yet. with four little children the oldest only 4 yrs old. isn't this "America" the land of the free. where every man is entitled to earn an honest living for his family instead of being barred from good jobs just over one mistake. When there are hundreds of others that have joined the Klan, such as doctors, sheriffs even the "Chief of Police" at a lot of jobs they are still holding their jobs. and don't have four babies to bring up either.

anyone that we talk to about it. Says its not right for [redacted] to have to be out of work so much. Just picking up a few days work or maybe a weeks work at meager wages. in between his dad at the age of 63. having to help them

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with money for buying groceries to keep them from going hungry when [redacted] has his pride and wants to get a good steady job in order to properly support his family also be able to pay his honest debts. Foreigners coming over from the "old countries" get a better break. they get set up in good Government jobs.

Now we need will you please use you influence or you have my permission to send this letter on to

J. Edgar Hoover, to have
[redacted] released from the
stigma that is preventing him
from going back on this
project. As his "Carpenter Foreman"
told his father just the other
day that he would be happy
to have [redacted] back, as he
was a congenial fellow to work
with and a good carpenter that
knew how to do his work right,
if he could get back on this
job. He could soon get caught
up. He had to let his trailer go
the one you were in here in
our yard. His old car needs so
much work done on it which
he has to have in order to
get to and from work, he is
just down and out.

If he could be given one
chance he has learned his

lesson and is out of that
Klan. "for good." he was just
over persuaded. which can
happen to anyone in any
walk of life;

"Please we need" starting
working on this case, just as
soon as you possibly can. as
he. [redacted] needs a good job "at
once" in order to be self supporting
as his dad and I can not
continue to keep helping him
at our ages, either can we let
them go hungry its driving
us "nearly crazy"

Sincerely

[redacted]

Jackson.
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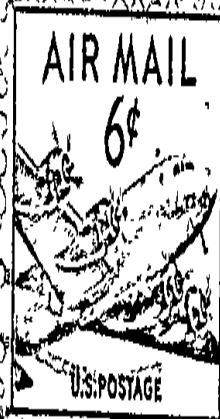
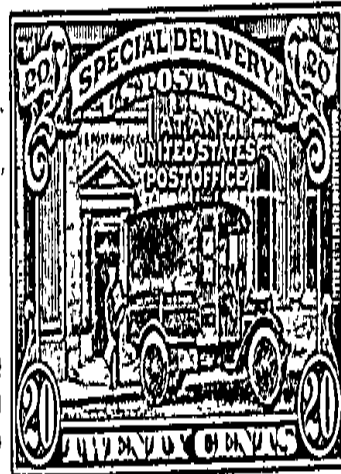
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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



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Mr. J. J. Meed,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] former Klan member at Columbia, S. C., advises he has not been to Fla. since 1925. [redacted] stated had dropped out of the Wade Hampton Klan in Columbia, S. C. about a year before the bombing of MOORE's home in Fla. [redacted] denies ever telling anyone after the bombing of MOORE's home that he bet he knew who did it, or that he was there when they planned it.

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DETAILS:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

[redacted] advised SA JAMES H. APPLIGATE and the reporting agent that he was formerly a member of the Wade Hampton Klan in Columbia, South Carolina, and that he had dropped out of the Klan a few months after [redacted] became [redacted] of the Association of Carolina Klans. [redacted] stated he had not made a trip to Florida in either November or December 1951 and added he had not been in the state of Florida since 1925.

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[redacted] stated he was not active in the Klan at the time of the bombing of MOORE's home in Florida during 1951, adding that he had

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dropped out of the Klan about a year prior to this time.

[redacted] stated he did not know anything about the bombing of MOORE's home, and stated he had never told anyone that he would bet his life "I know who did it", nor had he ever tried to name anyone in connection with the bombing. [redacted] likewise denied ever telling anyone he was there when they planned it.

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[redacted] of the Wade Hampton Klan in Columbia, South Carolina, advised he had never heard any discussion at a Klan meeting concerning the bombing of MOORE's home. [redacted] stated in his opinion no one in Columbia, South Carolina knows anything concerning the bombing. [redacted] was referring to Klan members.

[redacted] who formerly resided in [redacted] and who was a member of the Wade Hampton Klan at one time, advised during February, 1952 he had not heard any discussion of the bombing of MOORE's home from any Klan members. [redacted] stated at the time he would not be surprised if Klan members were involved, but did not believe, in his opinion, any Klan members in South Carolina were involved. [redacted] at this time was endeavoring to get back into the Wade Hampton Klan, and at the time of the bombing of MOORE's home, [redacted] was not a member of the Klan, but advised he was in touch with various Klan members.

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[redacted] was formerly carried as a Potential Security Informant by the Savannah Office. [redacted] was contacted on numerous occasions about various individuals relative to their membership in the Klan, mainly in connection with AEAA type cases. [redacted] was not considered completely reliable.

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REFERENCE: Miami teletype to Savannah, 8/22/52.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-4036)

AIRMAIL

DATE: September 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE,
(Deceased) - VICTIMS
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A report is in the process of being typed and will be submitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 24, 1952

B FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

T SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE,
(Deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Miami reports have been submitted under Bureau files 44-4118 and 44-4036, inasmuch as both of these numbers have appeared on correspondence from the Bureau contained in the Miami file.

The Bureau is requested to advise Miami which of these two file numbers is the correct Bureau file.

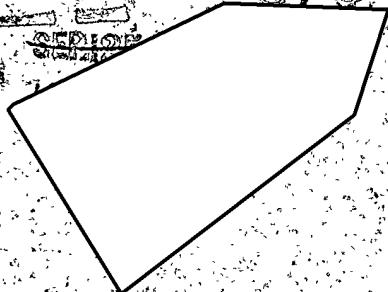
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SAC, Miami (44-270)

September 30, 1952

Director, FBI (44-4118)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR

Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 24, 1952.

For your information, the above-captioned case is Bureau file 44-4118. Reports in regard to the Bombing of Jewish Property case, as well as the Bombing of Carver Village, are being filed in Bureau file 44-4036.

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
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TO : Director, FBI (44-4036)

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-256)

SUBJECT: FLORIDA BOMBING CASES
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: September 26, 1952

att: asst Dir. Rosen

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44-4036 || UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombings of
Jewish Temples, Schools and
Centers, Miami, Florida; CR.

There have been no new developments in this case during the past week.

44-4237 || UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Dynamite Incident,
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church,
Miami, Florida; CR

There have been no new developments in this case during the past week.

44-4118 || UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM (DECEASED);
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM (DECEASED);
CR.

Confidential coverage is being maintained. There have been no developments of unusual interest during the past week.

44-4036 || UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of Carver
Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida
September 22, 1951; and November 30, 1951;
CR; CONSPIRACY; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Special Assistant to the Attorney General
[redacted] returned to Miami last Monday and several
conferences have been had with him regarding this and related
cases during the past week. He is being assisted in the
presentation of these matters by [redacted], an
attorney in the Department of Justice. [redacted] is from
Orlando, Florida and is the [redacted] Federal Judge ALEX

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AKERMAN (deceased). His [redacted], is a practicing attorney at Orlando, Florida and in the past has been employed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. [redacted] represented the defendants in the Groveland, Florida rape case which subsequently developed into a civil rights matter that was investigated by the FBI.

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The Carver Village Bombing Case and the related Fraud Against the Government Cases involving violation of Section 1001, Title 18, U.S. Code, are to be presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida starting on October 6, 1952. Subpoenas have been issued and served on forty-seven persons who are to appear before the Grand Jury. This number includes Agents of the Miami Office who will testify. In order to protect their identities, Grand Jury subpoenas were served by Bureau Agents on the following cooperative witnesses and Informants:

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On September 8, 1952 information was received that [redacted] was planning to leave Miami and join his father in Saskatchewan, Canada, for the ostensible purpose of avoiding service of a subpoena. In view of this information, [redacted] was served with a subpoena on September 9, 1952 by Bureau Agents.

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Pursuant to the instructions contained in Bureau letter of September 9, 1952 [redacted] was advised of the true identities of [redacted]. Both of these informants had given us their permission to disclose their identities to [redacted]. [redacted] agreed that there would be no necessity for disclosing to the members of the Federal Grand Jury that [redacted] is a Confidential Informant of the Bureau, and he further assured us that he would take every possible step to prevent this informant from becoming uncovered. [redacted] further advised that after additional study of this matter, he thought that possibly it would not be necessary to disclose

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* Live Informants

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to the members of the Grand Jury the fact that [redacted] is an Informant of the FBI. He stated that in any event, he would not do so unless it became essential to the success of this case.

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The reaction of certain members of the [redacted] [redacted], to the service of subpoenas upon them has been interesting. [redacted] was bitterly hostile during the last few attempts to interview him; however, following service of the subpoena upon him, he telephoned the Miami Office on September 25, 1952, and asked for an appointment, stating that he wished to go along with us as far as he could. He failed, however, to appear at the appointed time. This possibly is a further indication of his instability, which has been heretofore noted. [redacted] recently advised [redacted] that the latter should not worry too much about having been served with a subpoena as [redacted]

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[redacted] Nothing has been received from any other source which would tend to corroborate this statement by [redacted]; however, we are following this situation very closely.

[redacted] was served with a subpoena by Deputy United States Marshal [redacted]. He inquired of [redacted] as to whether or not his testimony before the Grand Jury would be secret, and indicated to [redacted] that if he could do so without the other members of the [redacted] knowing it, he was going to tell the grand jury everything that he knew. Arrangements are being worked out with [redacted] so that [redacted] will be able to testify on a day when other Klansmen are not present.

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[redacted] has advised that he believes that he can complete the presentation of this matter within three weeks, and that he plans to hold three sessions each week consisting of four hours per session. He stated that thereafter it would be necessary for him to return to Washington, D.C. for approximately two weeks, after which he will come back to Miami and present the Jewish Synagogue cases and the Mims case.

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[redacted] had hoped that the arraignments on any presentments or indictments for contempt, perjury, or any other offense would be before Federal Judge GEORGE W. WHITEHURST; however, it now appears that Judge WHITEHURST will preside at the trial of members of the S and G Syndicate, Miami Beach, Florida for violation of the income tax laws, which trial starts at Miami on October 8, 1952. As a result, it may be necessary to bring all matters resulting from the Grand Jury hearings in the Florida Bombing Cases before Federal Judge JOHN W. HOLLAND, which of course will be tragic. During the past year, however, Judge HOLLAND has not handled any criminal matters whatever, and it may be that he will likewise refuse to handle anything coming out of the bombing cases, [redacted] has advised that he is going to take such steps as are possible to keep these cases away from Judge HOLLAND.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of any interesting developments in these matters.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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TO: Mr. Ladd
FROM: Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 10, 1952

SUBJECT: THE FLORIDA BOMBING CASES

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The Florida bombing cases include four separate investigations and pertain to the dynamiting of apartment buildings in Carver Village, Miami, one dynamiting and four attempts to dynamite Jewish properties in Miami, an attempt to dynamite a Catholic Church in Miami, and the dynamite murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, Mims, Florida.

A full investigation of all phases of the Florida bombing cases as requested by the Department failed to reveal any Federal jurisdiction in regard to the bombing incidents and failed to reveal the identity of the individuals responsible; however, it did reveal violations of Fraud Against the Government statute by nine Klan members who made false statements on applications for Federal employment.

Due to the uncooperative attitude of the Klan members, who were the principal suspects, a Federal Grand Jury was impaneled and began hearing testimony in Miami on October 6, 1952. The grand jury on December 9, 1952, returned a partial report indicting Klan members William Glenn Orwick and Arthur Freeze Udgreen for giving false statements to Bureau Agents during the investigation and Harvey George De Rosier for making false statements in his application for Federal employment, all in violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, it also indicted Mrs. Helen Russell, a former Vice-President of the Edison Center Civic Association, for perjury before the grand jury in that she denied meeting with Klan members prior to the first Carver Village.

Upon the instructions of the Department and Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted], who is handling the prosecution for the Government, a complaint was filed on December 10, 1952, by the Savannah Division charging another former Klan member, [redacted] with violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, in that he furnished false statements on his application to the Federal Government. The Federal Grand Jury after returning its partial report recessed until January 14, 1953, at which time it will continue its inquiries into the Carver Village and all other phases of the Florida bombing cases. [redacted] was apprehended by Miami today.

Attached is a memorandum setting out additional details.

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By Westbrook Pegler

The civil rights issue is a premeditated fake which few of us understand. I suspect that Gen. Eisenhower does not fully realize what the civil rights program really is or know that it was hatched up by a group of Marxian Socialists, and thrust upon us at the 1948 Democratic convention in Philadelphia by the Socialist organization called Americans For Democratic Action.



The deal was so raw that Harry Truman at first refused to accept the ADA's so-called civil rights plank. But, after the party was stuck with him, apparently a certain loser, and he was stuck with the nomination, Truman said, in effect "What have I got to lose?" And so accepted the fraud and campaigned for it. To his own surprise Truman won, but not on the civil rights program, which attracted almost no interest in that campaign.

Many of us think this program has one simple, innocent purpose of putting down "prejudice" by force of law. That is not the case at all. The true purpose is to destroy the very marrow of the whole Constitution. It would extend the authority of the big government in Washington right into the villages, it would throw local police cases into the Federal courts, it would give the big government police authority over local elections. And it would compel an individual employer to hire a certain individual no matter how bad the worker's reputation might be.

The committee which drew up the civil rights program frankly admitted in its official report that its recommendations probably were unconstitutional. But it said the venture was worth trying on the chance that the present Supreme court packed with political partisans of the Democratic party, would distort the Constitution. Or if this court wouldn't, a future Supreme court would be more likely to.

If you will read this report you will agree that this is true.

When I read the remarks of some campaign orators, including General Eisenhower, I suspect that they have not really studied the report. Of course, Truman and Stevenson have read it, but this stuff is their political line and they do not gag at a few lies. Knowing

it would punish any town which is the scene of a rope-lynching but it would take no notice of the guilt of a town which was the scene of a terrible massacre, such as Herrin, Ill., where 26 men were shot and beaten to death by union terrorists after they had surrendered under a white flag. Such a horror would not be a lynching under this civil rights program. It specifies that no killing which is incidental to a "labor disturbance" is a lynching within the meaning of the law.

Many victims of single rope-lynchings have been unmistakably guilty of a terrible crime. But not one victim of any union mob ever was accused or even suspected of any violation of any public law. The victims of rope-lynching were denied the right to a fair trial but the good citizens who have been killed by union mobs were not even triable because they were as innocent as any person who is reading this column at this moment.

In a Georgia hamlet last year the CIO tried to persuade the local workers in a textile plant to join its union. They declined. Strangers then drifted into town and one day a gang of them upset a car in which an innocent, law-abiding woman was driving to her job. Her neck was broken and she died. But her death wasn't a lynching. As far as the civil rights program was concerned, that poor woman slipped on the soap in her bathtub and broke her neck, you might say.

A few months later, a Negro detective for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Florida, was killed by a bomb that blew up his house. His wife was killed too. They were murdered. The crime was no less heinous for the fact that two chief executives of N.A.A.C.P. in recent years have had flagrant records of association with Communists fronts. The N.A.A.C.P. has no mandate from our Negro fellow citizens and many eminent Negroes repudiate and oppose it.

The N.A.A.C.P. was implicated in the Josephine Baker hoax at the Stork club, which recently exploded into an expose when this old globe-trotting kooch-dancer appeared as the darling of the Peronistas in Buenos Aires. The N.A.A.C.P. seems willing to raise a racial row if only to make publicity. Its chief propagandist, Walter White, made the tactical error of boasting last year that he, personally, was the one who needled Truman into appointing the President's Committee on Civil Rights which drafted the formal program now in controversy. But the great Negro population of our country never has recognized the N.A.A.C.P. or White as their agent.

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Bracketed - probably refers to Harry T. Moore, CR. This and other Florida Bombing cases went to F.G.J 10/6/51 still in session.

Re: lynchings - numerous bills introduced in past however none passed.

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what concentration it takes to understand the document and remembering how many letters and long distance calls it required for me to uncover the secret deals behind the scheme, I am reasonably sure that General Eisenhower has not been able to make an independent study. He has been busy with many things abroad and these domestic plots are new business to him and very tricky.

This program would permit the federal government to move into any law-abiding town and inflict punitive fines and personal damages on all the citizens for failing to prevent a lynching. It would inflict humiliation. It is a hateful law designed to humble the pride of the small-town southern people.

Eleanor Roosevelt and the N.A.A.C.P. raised a great row over the Florida dynamiting and hollered for the FBI, which came a-running.

But they said not a word about the Georgia woman. The FBI took no interest.

This calculated heartlessness is not consistent with the character of our Negro fellow citizens. A majority of them might indorse a federal law against lynching but they would never agree to exempt lynchings done by union goons. That exception is the tip-off which shows that this program was not promoted by the Negroes themselves.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL. - VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS.

REURCALL TO BUREAU TODAY. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO FURNISH NECESSARY

EXPENSE MONEY TO BUREAU INFORMANTS

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IN ORDER TO MAKE

CERTAIN THAT THEY APPEAR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY FOUR,

FIFTYTHREE, TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY. PAYMENTS

NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER INFORMANT. IN EVENT WITNESS

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cc - Mr. Glavin (detached)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Ladd

January 26, 1953

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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FLORIDA BOMBING CASES

Call: 1:10 p.m.

MAC Wall called from Miami and advised that the Special Federal Grand Jury hearing testimony relating to the Miami bombing cases will begin inquiring into the death of Harry Moore on February 4, 1953. At this time testimony will be heard from [redacted]. The Grand Jury will then recess until February 18, when testimony will resume in the Moore case.

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Wall advised that the [redacted] who will be subpoenaed on February 4 are [redacted]

Wall stated that, as has been the custom, the subpoenas for the above-named [redacted] will be served by the Bureau. Wall requested Bureau authorization to make available necessary expense money for the [redacted] to appear at Miami on February 4. He stated that [redacted] were in the vicinity of Orlando, Florida, while [redacted] is presently at Aiken, South Carolina.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached report be forwarded to Wall, authorizing him to make available necessary expense money, not to exceed \$100 per [redacted] in order that these [redacted] will be in Miami to testify before the Grand Jury on February 4, 1953. Wall suggested the above procedure in order to preserve the surprise effect of the testimony to be furnished by these individuals. It will be noted that in order to obtain payment for testifying before the Grand Jury, it would be necessary for them to sign the official register, which is a public record and, as such, available to all.

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cc - Mr. Glavin

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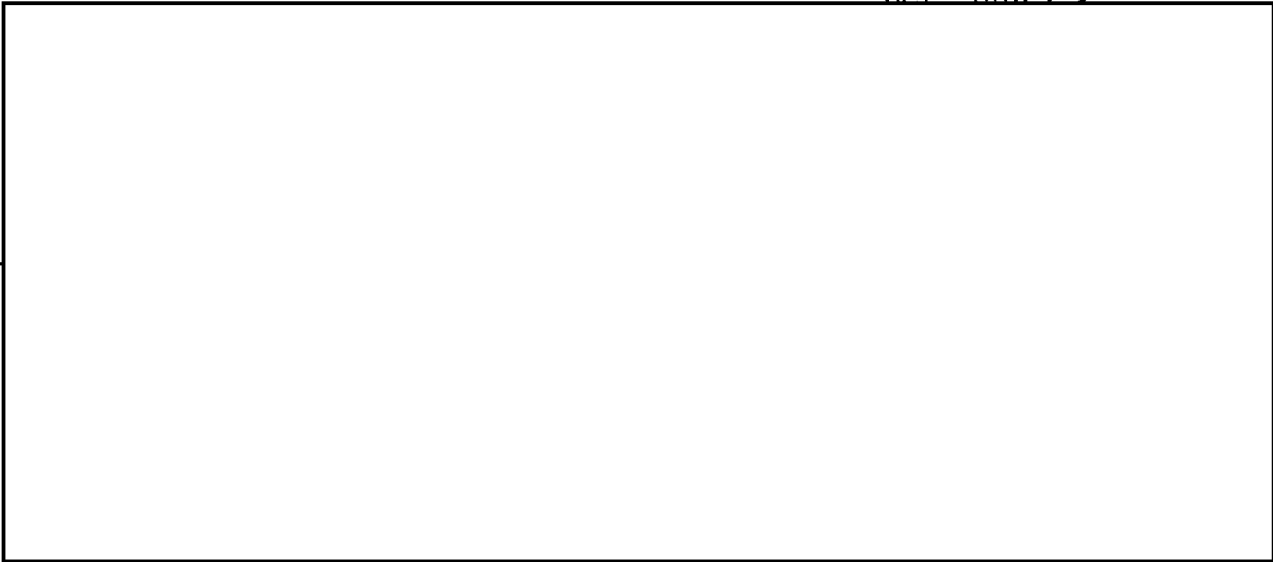
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
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On February 4, 1953, Special Assistants to the Attorney General
[redacted] began the presentation of the MOORE
case before the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida. First testimony re-
ceived by the Grand Jury was [redacted]

[redacted] Although venue
in the matter of [redacted] appears to lie in Georgia, both of those
cases were brought before the present Grand Jury at Miami. On one occasion
[redacted] stated that in the event in the future it is desired indict-
ments be returned against these individuals they can be returned in Georgia.
[redacted] stated they desired to first get before the Federal
Grand Jury the violations of Section 1001 in the event there should be any
question as to jurisdiction of the Federal Grand Jury inquiring into the
[redacted] case.

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Following testimony of the [redacted] appeared
before the Grand Jury and furnished the same testimony as has been set forth

[redacted]

[redacted] who has also furnished signed statements regarding
[redacted] was the next and last witness to
appear before the Grand Jury on February 4, 1953. [redacted] testified as to
[redacted] having been set forth in
signed statements furnished by [redacted] to Bureau Agents and previously reported.

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[redacted] stated the next session of the Grand Jury will take
place February 18, 1953, and at that time he will present testimony from
[redacted]

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AIR MAIL

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: February 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
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On February 18, 1953, testimony was received by the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida from [redacted]

[redacted] gave the same testimony before the Grand Jury regarding [redacted]

had previously been furnished to Special Agents in signed statements.

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The next session of the Grand Jury will take place on February 25, 1953 and at that time, the Grand Jury will hear testimony from [redacted]

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CECIL LANGDALE, Orlando, Fla., admitted being active member of Klan but declined to discuss Klan activities.

[redacted] furnished no additional information.

[redacted] attending late HARRIETT MOORE, reinterviewed but furnished no additional information of value.

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DETAILS:

AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANK F. MEECH and the writer.

CECIL LANGDALE (man), 907 Plymouth Avenue, admitted he is presently a member of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans and is a member of the Klokann Committee. He stated he was standing on his Klan oath and therefore would not divulge any information regarding his Klan activities or other Klansmen.

He stated he first joined the Klan in 1925, as well as he can recall, dropped out during World War II and again became active following World War II.

In regard to his activities on Christmas Day, 1951, he and his wife drove to Winter Haven, Florida, on December 24, 1951, where they visited the JIM F. CRUMBLEY family, his wife's relatives. He stated his father-in-law, JIM F. CRUMBLEY, is employed by the Pasco Juice Plant at Winter Haven.

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LANGDALE stated he and his wife remained at the CRUMBLEY residence the night of December 24 and December 25 until approximately 8:30 P.M. when they left and returned to their residence in Orlando. According to LANGDALE, approximately 35 persons were present at the CRUMBLEY residence on Christmas Day for dinner.

He stated the first time he ever heard of HARRY T. MOORE was subsequent to the bombing of the MOORE residence when he read about MOORE in the newspapers.

He was questioned regarding Klan terrorist activities and to these inquiries he made the reply that insofar as he knows, the Klan has never engaged in any terrorist activities. He also denied he presently or in the past has ever had any dynamite.

The following is a physical description of LANGDALE as obtained through observation and interrogation:

Age	49
Birth date	October 14, 1902
Birthplace	Columbia County, Florida
Height	5'5½"
Weight	145
Eyes	blue
Hair	grey, heavy
Teeth	false
Wife	EUNICE
Military service	U. S. Army 1923
Father-in-law	JIM F. CRUMBLEY, Winter Haven, Florida

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[redacted] was reinterviewed on South Fairway Drive where he was occupied in the construction of a new residence. He stated with regard to his activities on Christmas Day, 1951, that he and his family went to Lakeland, Florida, to visit his father and mother, [redacted]. He said they went in his automobile in the morning and remained until sometime after sundown. He stated he and his family returned directly to Orlando and remained at their residence the remainder of the day. They did not have any visitors at their residence upon their return from Lakeland. [redacted] resides at [redacted].

[redacted] was reinterviewed on Cheney Highway near the city limits of Orlando where he was engaged in [redacted]. Information has been reported previously to the effect that [redacted] and other Klansmen

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moved a case of dynamite from [redacted] place near Sanford, Florida, to a shack on a [redacted] the lot being owned by [redacted]. [redacted] was specifically questioned regarding the lot and admitted he is the owner of the lot and that at one time there was a small shack on the lot. However, he denied having ever had anything to do with dynamite or that dynamite was ever stored in the shack by himself or anyone else.

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He was questioned regarding his Klan affiliation and reiterated he had attended a few meetings of the Klan but denied any knowledge of Klan terrorist activities or of the bombing of the MOORE residence. He stated the first time he heard of MOORE was from newspaper reports following the bombing.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

[redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who is assisting Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] in the presentation of this case before the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, advised on December 1, 1952, that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] former Special Investigator for former Governor FULLER WARREN of Florida. According to [redacted] suggested that in investigating the Mims matter contact be had with the physician in Sanford, Florida, who treated HARRIETT MOORE and inquiry should be made into a statement made by HARRIETT MOORE to this physician at the time arrangements had been made to take a tape recording of a statement from her. According to [redacted] indicated HARRIETT MOORE refused to testify after she had looked at one of the Sanford policemen and then made a statement to the physician out of the presence of [redacted] and the policeman, the doctor subsequently advising she was unable to testify. [redacted] requested that the physician attending her at Sanford be reinterviewed in view of the statements made by [redacted].

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[redacted] testified before the Federal Grand Jury which was receiving testimony in the Carver Village bombing case on November 17, 1952, having been subpoenaed to testify. He later contacted [redacted] with the above information.

AT SANFORD, FLORIDA

[redacted] advised the writer that at approximately 2:00 A.M. the day following the day on which HARRIETT MOORE went to the funeral home to view the body of her deceased husband, she suffered a fainting spell and he was called to the hospital. He stated that upon arriving at the hospital he immediately determined that she was in a state of shock. He said he had advised her against leaving the hospital.

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and in his professional opinion it is most probable that her death resulted from the exertion she underwent in visiting the funeral home. He said he was so personally opposed to her making the trip that he did not want to be present at the hospital at the time she left inasmuch as she might suffer a relapse at that time and it would have been embarrassing to him. He stated that upon determining that HARRIETT MOORE was in a state of shock and it appeared that she would not survive, he contacted [redacted] States Attorney for Brevard County, in response to a previous request made by [redacted]. He stated shortly before HARRIETT MOORE's death [redacted] had requested [redacted] to notify them in the event it appeared she would not survive inasmuch as she might make a statement before her death. According to [redacted] had made arrangements to have a tape recording made in the event she would make a statement. He stated he notified [redacted] between 4:00 and 7:00 P.M. on the day HARRIETT MOORE had suffered the relapse. [redacted] shortly thereafter appeared at the hospital and HARRIETT MOORE was asked whether or not she would talk. He said she refused to talk to [redacted] and in private told him she would not talk to either of them "even if they had a pistol on them". [redacted] said they tried to persuade her to talk and came to her bed but she refused to make a statement. He himself endeavored to get her talk the following day but she refused and at that time her mother who was present made the remark that they were not going to talk.

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With regard to HARRIETT MOORE's refusal to talk, [redacted] stated he was unable to explain why she refused other than that she did not have any confidence in [redacted]. He stated she did not explain why she would not talk and did not make any statement indicating whether or not she had any information regarding the perpetrators of the bombing.

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Regarding his own personal position, [redacted] stated he personally endeavored to elicit information from her and to determine whether or not she had any information of value regarding the bombing but he was never able to obtain any information whatsoever. He also pointed out that he has talked to other members of the family but has been unsuccessful in obtaining information. The members of the family stated to him they did not have any information or idea as to the perpetrators of the bombing.

He said that at no time did HARRIETT MOORE or any of her family give any indication that they had information which they did not divulge.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

[redacted] advised the writer that he has for several years been a member of the NAACP in Coconut Grove and was personally acquainted with the late HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE. He stated MOORE had visited in his home on numerous occasions. He saw MOORE during the latter part of November, 1951 in Coconut Grove when MOORE discussed with him the establishment of a chapter of the NAACP in that locality. [redacted] said that MOORE never indicated to him that he had ever received any threats or in any way considered his life in danger. He said that the bombing and death of the MOOREs came as a complete surprise and shock to him. [redacted] stated MOORE discussed the NAACP work generally with regard to Coconut Grove and the Miami area but at no time did he mention any friction, difficulties or persons who might had had some connection with their subsequent death. He said he and his wife had frequently discussed MOORE's death in trying to recall anything that might have had some bearing but to date they have been unable to do so.

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Will report proceedings of the Federal Grand Jury.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA Miami, 9-30-52.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)(AM)

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIETT MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
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On February 20, 1953, [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, confidentially advised that the past week while he was in Washington, D. C. he had a conference with [redacted] Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. According to [redacted] a discussion was had as to the desirability of the Federal Grand Jury returning a presentment in the Carver Village and Mims bombing cases. The presentment would refer to three matters, i.e.:

1. the lack of appropriate planning and sufficient housing in Miami for the negro population, pointing out that approximately 35% of the population of Miami is colored, yet there is only 5% of housing available for the colored population,
2. the control, registration and accounting for the sale of dynamite, thus affording some manner of checking on the use of dynamite,
3. denunciation of the Klan and its terrorist activities in Florida.

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[redacted] pointed out that there had been no definite decision as to the presentment although he and [redacted] had discussed the matter.

On February 20, 1953, sub poenas were issued by the U. S. District Court at Miami for the appearance of the following individuals at the Grand Jury here March 4, 1953:

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The Bureau has been advised previously that the next session of the Grand Jury would take place on February 25, 1953, and that the Grand Jury would hear testimony from [redacted]

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TO : Director, FBI (44-4118) AIR MAIL

DATE: March 5, 1953

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIETT MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
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On February 25, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury, at Miami, heard testimony from [redacted]. According to [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, [redacted] furnished the information which he had previously furnished to Agents and which has been reported in the form of signed statements.

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[redacted] also confidentially advised that [redacted] appeared before the Grand Jury and were questioned regarding the [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] denied any knowledge or participation in these activities.

On March 4, 1953 the following Klansmen appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at Miami: [redacted]

[redacted] confidentially advised that all of the aforementioned individuals who appeared on March 4, 1953 [redacted]

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[redacted]. These incidents, according to [redacted] are incidents in which information had previously been received from informants implicating [redacted].

[redacted] advised that the next session of the Grand Jury will be held on March 11, 1953.

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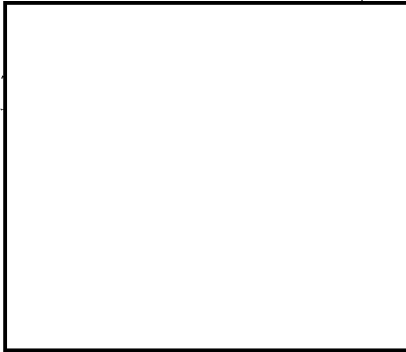
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FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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On March 11, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, heard testimony from the following individuals:



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[redacted] to the Attorney General, confidentially advised that none of the afore-mentioned individuals [redacted]

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On March 18, 1953, the following individuals appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida:



[redacted] confidentially advised that these individuals [redacted]



[redacted] confidentially advised on March 18, 1953, that the Department of Justice had advised him that

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they are in accord with his recommendation that the Federal Grand Jury make a presentation. [redacted] stated that this presentation will deal with three separate matters which have previously been set forth in Miami letter to the Bureau of February 24, 1953. He stated the Grand Jury will consider the presentation on March 25, 1953.

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A copy of the presentation to be made by the Federal Grand Jury will be obtained from [redacted] after consideration of this presentation by the Grand Jury on March 25, 1953; and this copy will be forwarded to the Bureau for its information.

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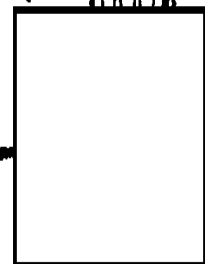
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] admit going to Lake Ola in latter's car to see the chase of colored attorneys during Grove-land Rape Case. Each denied being instructed by Klansmen to participate or go to the lake.

[redacted] state they received no specific information as to persons responsible for WOMACK and VINSON deaths and beating of [redacted].

Interview of physician attending WOMACK and medical reports do not reveal any information as to persons responsible for WOMACK death.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, requested that [redacted] be identified and interviewed inasmuch as [redacted] in his statement regarding his Klan activities had stated that these two individuals took him to Lake Ola to intercept a carload of negro attorneys who were returning to Orlando from the Grove-land Rape trial at Tavares, Florida.

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[redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General requested that [redacted] who

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were [redacted] covering the MELVIN WOMACK and WILLIE VINSON cases be interviewed for any information they may have as to the persons responsible for the killing of WOMACK.

[redacted] also requested that the doctor attending WOMACK be interviewed, as well as information obtained from the medical reports.

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AT APOPKA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

[redacted] stated he joined the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka during 1949 and attended two meetings. He said as well as he can recall [redacted] at the time and after he had attended two meetings he decided to discontinue his membership as he did not care to associate with the type of people who belonged to the Klan in Apopka. He characterized the membership as being the rougher element of the town. Fla.

He denied he had ever participated in a "ride" or any type of Klan terrorist activity. He also stated that insofar as he knows the Klan has not engaged in any terrorist activities.

With regard to the chase of the colored attorneys from Tavares, [redacted] admitted he and his cousin, [redacted] went by Lake Ola on the afternoon of the chase. He denied he had received any information or instructions that the chase would occur but claimed he and his cousin just happened to drive by the lake that afternoon. However, he admitted that he and his cousin remained at Lake Ola approximately ten minutes and then returned to Apopka. He said he did not know that the chase occurred until he later learned about it. He was unable to recall from what source he learned the chase had occurred.

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He said the best he could recall, [redacted] was not in his automobile when he drove to Lake Ola with his cousin. He also said that he does not remember seeing anyone at Lake Ola at the time he stopped there.

When questioned as to the other occupants of his car he stated he was not certain whether or not there was anyone else other than himself and his cousin, [redacted] he would not state definitely that they were alone.

Throughout the interview he appeared reluctant to talk and furnish any information. He said the trip had occurred so long ago he is unable to recall with certainty any of the details other than that he is certain he and his cousin did drive to Lake Ola and return to Apopka.

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[redacted] stated that his automobile used on the trip was a 1941 Buick convertible, maroon in color. [redacted]

[redacted] stated he joined the Ku Klux Klan in Apopka during either 1949 or 1950. He said he was recruited into the Klan by his cousin, [redacted] and entered principally because of curiosity. He denied he had ever been on a "ride" or that he has any information regarding terrorist activities on the part of the Klan.

With regard to the chase of the attorneys he stated as well as he can recall his cousin, [redacted] told him there was going to be a chase of the colored attorneys who were defending the Groveland boys at Tavares. He said he was picked up at his home by his cousin and he and [redacted] along with two other individuals, the identity of whom he is unable to recall, went to Lake Ola. He denied that anyone had instructed them to go to Lake Ola but admitted he had heard from someone that the Klansmen were going to chase the attorneys. He also stated he does not know who arranged the chase, although he does recall that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Klavern at the time. They arrived at Lake Ola after dark and parked a short distance from some other automobiles. [redacted] stated there were two or three automobiles parked nearby but he could not tell what type of cars they were, nor did he have an opportunity to see any of the occupants closely enough to identify them. He said there were so many mosquitoes and they became so annoying that he and his cousin and the other occupants of the car left Lake Ola before the attorneys came through.

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He claimed he later heard that the chase had taken place but denied he ever learned the identity of any of the participants in the chase or the persons responsible for organizing it.

He said as well as he can recall, he does not believe he attended any more Klan meetings after the chase inasmuch as he had become tired of attending and did not wish to continue his membership.

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He said he and his cousin [redacted] and the others with them went to Lake Ola in [redacted] 1941 red Buick convertible Roadmaster. He claimed he could not recall the identity of the other occupants of the car although he stated he does not believe ALTON VERNON DIXON was one of them; however, he would not be positive in this statement.

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[redacted] emphatically denied, as had his cousin, [redacted], that they had been at, or left from the residence of [redacted], as stated by ALTON VERNON DIXON in the latter's statement.

The following physical description of [redacted] was taken from observation and interrogation:

Race white
Sex male
Age [redacted]
Birth date [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Build slender
Hair brown
Eyes brown
Marital status married
Peculiarities all but 3 upper front teeth missing
Occupation housemoving
Employer PERSEY STARBIRD
Military service U. S. Navy, 4 years
NSN [redacted]

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Age [redacted]
Birth date [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Hair blonde
Eyes brown
Complexion fair
Wife [redacted]
Daughters [redacted]
Residence [redacted]
Education 10th grade
Military service [redacted]
NSN [redacted] honorable discharge
Employer H.M. HUFFMAN, College Park, Florida
Occupation [redacted]

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[redacted] stated during interviews that they had never heard of HARRY T. MOORE until they read in the papers about the bombing of the MOORE residence. Each emphatically denied there had ever been a mention made of MOORE in the Klan meetings and they did not know of his existence until hearing of his death.

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AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

[redacted] telephone 3-4377, advised he was [redacted] in Orlando. He stated he wrote some news articles covering the killing of MELVIN WOMACK and the death of WILLIE VINSON and also the beating of [redacted]. He stated that in all his inquiries of law enforcement officers, as well as colored persons and others, he did not receive any specific information as to the persons responsible for any of the incidents. He said during the time he was making inquiry in the death of MELVIN WOMACK he learned that [redacted] of the Orlando Sentinel-Star, had received an anonymous letter telling him about MELVIN WOMACK, a colored man, having died in a hospital as a result of gunshot wounds and that an investigation should be conducted. According to [redacted], the anonymous letter merely stated that WOMACK had died in the hospital and the matter should be looked into.

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[redacted] stated he talked with Constable [redacted] in Winter Garden, Florida, [redacted] regarding the death of WOMACK. He said the colored people appeared to be very frightened and reluctant to talk. [redacted] claimed they were completely unable to understand why WOMACK had been killed. According to [redacted], a number of the people interviewed had the opinion that WOMACK was not the man the assailants were looking for but by mistake he had been taken from [redacted] house, the assailants apparently thinking he was someone else.

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He was of the opinion Constable [redacted] is aware of the identity of the assailants but has never divulged such information. He said either [redacted] described WOMACK's assailants as including an unusually stout man, using the word "gross". According to [redacted], a [redacted] of the Tampa Morning Tribune, also looked into the VINSON and COLEMAN incidents and later told [redacted] that he had been unable to find any evidence or indication that the Klan was involved although he was of the opinion that the Klan was implicated. According to [redacted] also stated

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he was of the opinion Constable [redacted] was aware of the identity of the assailants of MELVIN WOMACK and had information regarding the WILLIE VINSON and [redacted] incidents. [redacted] said that in the conversation with Sheriff STARR, STARR stated Constable [redacted] never advised him of the WOMACK incident and STARR did not learn of it until he read of it in the paper or was contacted by [redacted]. [redacted] advised that in all his inquiries he never found any indication that bolita was involved in the incidents. He said [redacted] had told him on one occasion that he, too, had been unable to find anything along that line.

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AT WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA

[redacted] Winter Garden Elementary School, advised she recalls [redacted] and the latter's employment at the Winter Garden Elementary School as [redacted]. She described [redacted] as being a very satisfactory employee. She said that sometime before [redacted] was beaten one of the teachers in the school had come to her with a brown paper bag containing a revolver. According to [redacted], the teacher said [redacted] had left the revolver on the teacher's desk. [redacted] talked with [redacted] and at that time he told her he had been coming to work early in the morning and was fearful of some bodily harm and was therefore carrying the gun. According to [redacted] did not state why he was fearful of his life or give any additional information. She said [redacted] was employed at the school for approximately four years as well as she can recall and his services were commendable.

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She also advised that [redacted] is a sister of [redacted].

According to [redacted], after [redacted] was beaten a neighbor of one of the students at the school came to [redacted] and stated the student had said that [redacted] had entered the girls' rest room while the girls were there. [redacted] stated that in her opinion this was not true inasmuch as she had a very strict regulation that the negro janitor was not to enter the girls's rest room without [redacted] having first entered herself. She said that in her opinion [redacted] may have gone into the rest room when some of the students were there but if such had happened, she is absolutely confident she had preceeded him into the rest room and thereafter permitted him to enter. She expressed the opinion that it is not unlikely that such a rumor spread around Winter Garden which in fact was untrue. She said a rumor was also circulated in town that he was selling bolita to the teachers. She said this rumor began after he was beaten and upon hearing of it she called a faculty meeting and at that time

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the teachers denied such and merely laughed at the matter. She stated she also talked with [redacted] and he emphatically denied he had at any time sold bolita to anyone.

She said the last she heard [redacted] was residing in Sebring, Florida.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

[redacted], advised he was in Orlando at the time of the death of MELVIN WOMACK and made inquiries regarding WOMACK's death as well as regarding the beating of [redacted] and the death of WILLIE VINSON. He said he never received any specific information regarding the persons responsible for either death or the beating. He said all the information he did receive was reported by him in the newspapers and consisted principally of information he received from law enforcement officers. He said his inquiries did not reveal any specific information indicating the Ku Klux Klan was involved although he always had the personal opinion the Klan was behind the terrorist activities.

AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] West Orange Memorial Hospital in Winter Garden, advised he is the physician who attended MELVIN WOMACK in March, 1951. He advised he was called to the home in Oakland, Florida, where WOMACK resided by Constable [redacted] of Winter Garden on the morning of March 29, 1951. He said he specifically remembers this case since subsequently he testified at a coroner's inquest regarding WOMACK's death and he was rather amazed that nothing was ever done about the case, to the best of his knowledge, since the inquest.

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He stated, after refreshing his memory from notes, that WOMACK had been suffering from exposure and it was his understanding that WOMACK had been found in an open field. At the time of his first examination of the patient he could not say absolutely that there were five bullet wounds in the patient; but an X-ray examination had shown there were bullets in WOMACK's body. He said the bullets were the direct cause of WOMACK's death; since WOMACK was a young, husky man, the effects of exposure would not have caused his death. [redacted] said that both he and Constable [redacted], who

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was present at the examination, had questioned WOMACK as to what had happened and WOMACK merely stated he had been beaten by some men but did not furnish any names or details.

[redacted] said he had no specific information as basis, but had received the impression that WOMACK was beaten and shot as a result of mistaken identity. According to remarks made by negroes in the vicinity of WOMACK's home, WOMACK was a quiet, steady laborer who had never been involved in any kind of trouble. However, WOMACK's speech and remarks were very incoherent and disjointed.

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He stated he furnished the above information at the Coroner's Inquest held in Judge C. M. TUCKER's chambers. He said there were quite a few officials present and he had expected an intensive investigation to follow; however, he never heard anything else about the case.

He advised he would cooperate with the FBI to the best of his ability in the event further information were needed from him.

[redacted] Medical Record Librarian at Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando advised that the file on MELVIN WOMACK reflected the following information:

ADMITTANCE CARD: MELVIN WOMACK, colored, male, age 27, Box 410, Oakland, Florida; Occupation, fruit picker for South Lake Exchange in Tildenville, Florida; date of birth, April 8, 1923; Baptist religion; hospital #85628; admitted March 29, 1951, at 12:30 P.M.; expired March 31, 1951, at 1:25 A.M.; gunshot wounds of right occipital region; gunshot wounds of left shoulder; gunshot wounds right upper chest.

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PROGRESS REPORT: The following is an excerpt from the patient's progress report made out at 7:30 P.M. on March 29, 1951, by attending physician [redacted]:

"Patient was seen this morning at his home in Oakland at 10:00 A.M. He was lying in bed covered with several blankets shivering with a chill. The bedding was bloody and he apparently had been bleeding from the nose and mouth. There also was evidence of small puncture wounds about his left shoulder and his undergarments were blood-stained and dried. His temperature, pulse and respiration at that time 101 degree - 96-40. Blood pressure 100/60. He appeared to be in mild shock. His sensorien was cloudy.

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"He answered questions slowly and appeared confused. He did state that he had been beaten up but was unable or unwilling to tell how, where or by whom. He was sent to hospital for admission.

"7:30 P.M. At present patient appears to be resting comfortably. He has been thirsty -- wounds redressed -- unable to tell nature of wounds, look like stab wounds or gunshot wounds. Will X-ray in morning. Restrict fluid. Possible head injury.

"Temperature, pulse and respiration 101.8 degrees, --100 -- 24."

(Signed) [REDACTED]

(added note)

"3/31/51 Pulse, respiration, heart beat, light reflex negative. Patient expired at 1:21 A.M."

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[REDACTED]
(Intern)

NOTES OF ADMITTING INTERN, S. T. REGISTER: 3-29-51. Patient said he was "beaten up". This 27 year old colored male was taken from home by a gang of men and beaten up. He does not remember (or will not tell) by what manner of instrument.

Past medical history indicates usual childhood diseases and no serious illnesses, nor operations.

Physical Examination of Patient:

Semi-comatose colored male, well-developed and well-nourished.

HEAD: Area of swelling in right suboccipital region apparently a hematoma; no lacerations seen.

EYES: Pupils are equal and react to light. Fundi normal. No papilledema.

EAR, NOSE & THROAT: Upper lip enormously swollen, several teeth missing in front and one broken off diagonally; no blood in ears.

NECK: Thyroid not enlarged.

CHEST: Shallow? stab wound on left posterior chest wall no rales or rubs.

HEART: Rhythm and rate regular, no murmurs

ABDOMEN: no masses

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EXTREMITIES: two puncture wounds over left deltoid
SKIN: dry and hot
IMPRESSION: traumatic wounds

X-RAY REPORT: March 30, 1951

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X-ray No. 14923

Name of Patient: WOMACK, MELVIN

Hospital No. 85628

Region X-rayed: chest

skull

Staff Physician: [REDACTED]

Findings: SKULL

There is a comminuted fracture at the base of the skull which is apparently due to a gunshot injury. Several of the fracture fragments lie within the brain about one inch from the inner table of the skull. There are several large bullet fragments in the region of the fracture. The cranial bones are otherwise normal. The sella is not enlarged. The pineal gland is not calcified.

CHEST:

There are several metallic fragments in the left chest but the left lung field appears to be clear. There is clouding of the right upper lung field which is probably due to a combination of parenchymal infiltration and pleural reaction. There is a metallic fragment in the right upper lung at the level of the fourth rib posteriorly.

A lateral view would be necessary to localize this bullet. The right lower lung field is clear, but the right diaphragm is elevated. The heart and aorta are normal.

IMPRESSION: There is a comminuted fracture of the right occipital bone which has been produced by a gunshot injury. Several of the bone fragments and bullet fragments lie within the brain. The changes in the right upper lung are also presumably due to gunshot injury.

A lateral view would be necessary to determine if the bullet actually lies within the lung at the present time.

(Signed) [REDACTED]

Radiologist

An order for autopsy was given March 31, 1951, and signed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Coroner, 3rd District, Orange County, Florida. Pathologist [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], performed the autopsy.

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Five penetrating wounds of the skin, located in the right occipital area, the left deltoid area the left chest wall and the right upper paravertebral area with the recovery of five corresponding round lead shot; perforation of the right posterior forsa of the occipital bone with mild extradural and diffuse subdural hemorrhage and extensive laceration of the brain; fracture of the cribriform laminae of the ethmoid bone with light laceration of left inferi frontal lobe of the brain and hemorrhage in the posterior occipital tissues; perforation and penetration of the upper lobe of the right lung with massive right-sided hemothorax; moderate swelling of the subcutaneous tissues of the face; massive pulmonary edema with probable early bronchopneumonia.

It is to be noted that [redacted] is presently at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; [redacted] is presently on the staff of Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Florida; [redacted] is presently at Lake Village, Arkansas.

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Will follow and report proceedings of the Federal Grand Jury.

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Director, FBI (44-4036, 44-4118)

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HARRY T. MOORE

Remylet 3-25-53 transmitting a summary of the report of the Federal Grand Jury which listened to the testimony regarding the captioned matter. It is noted on page 1, the 4th paragraph, that the Agents of the Bureau are highly commended by the Grand Jury for their "devoted and persistent" efforts which have made the inquiries possible into this matter.

The Bureau's attention is also directed to its letter of 12-12-52 in reply to a wire which was received from [redacted] Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, wherein the Bureau was congratulated and thanked for its "painstaking, difficult but successful action in ferreting out some of those responsible for the Miami bombings." The wire continues by saying, "We believe the work of the FBI and the Department of Justice will serve as a salutary deterrent to other lawbreakers who may be tempted to express their prejudices and ignorance through mob action."

As the Bureau is aware, the investigations surrounding these heinous incidents received the most constant and continuous attention by the Miami Division. I think I would be dilatory in not pointing out to the Bureau that a number of Agents devoted a tremendous amount of their personal time with no request for compensatory leave in handling their phases of these investigations during the past year and a half. Their attitude has been most gratifying, and the spirit and enthusiasm with which they have discharged their assignments have been excellent. There were, of course, at one time at least 50 Agents in the Miami Division working on these cases. However, I think that the following Agents should be commended as was done by the Federal Grand Jury and by [redacted] for their excellent work.

W. W. BURKE, JR. (ASAC)

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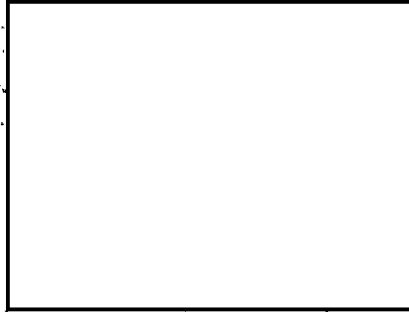
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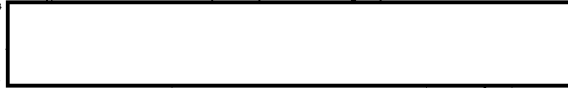
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I would like to strongly urge that letters of commendation be sent to the enumerated Agents for the work they have performed in connection with these matters.

In addition, I would like to also urge that letters of commendation be sent to the following stenographers who participated in these specials:



In addition to the above, I would like to specifically point out that Special Agent [redacted] supervised the squad of Agents handling the Carver Village bombings and Jewish synagogues. Special Agent [redacted] supervised the Agents handling the Harry T. Moore bombing. These Agents also have handled all contact, except on a policy level, with Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] [redacted] who presented these cases to the Federal Grand Jury. They have worked untiringly, have maintained a high esprit de corps on their squads, have prepared what in my opinion are excellent reports requiring careful attention and correlation, and have consistently maintained a very high standard of performance throughout these trying investigations.

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I think Special Agents [redacted] should be especially commended.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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5-28-53

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR MAIL

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL, VIC. CR. SAAG [redacted] CC

CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED FGJ, MIAMI, VOTED INDICTMENTS TODAY CHARGING

SMITH MANNING WITH VIOL. SEC. ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN,

USC. AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH PERJURY: WILLIAM JACKSON BOGAR,

T. J. MC MENAMY, ROBERT LLOYD JUDAH, HARVEY REISNER, WILLIAM GLENN

MORTON, EMMETT HART. FGJ WILL NOT RETURN INDICTMENTS IN COURT UNTIL

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 6-3-53, FBI at Miami, Fla., inquiring into KKK terrorist activity, returned indictment charging SIMON SMITH MANNING viol. Sec. 1001, T 18, USC; also returned indictments charging T. J. MCMENAMY, WILLIAM J. BOGAR, HARVEY S. REISNER, ERNEST GLEN MORTON, ROBERT L. JUDAH and EMMET M. HART, SR. with perjury.

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DETAILS:

On June 3, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Miami, Florida, returned an indictment in two counts charging SIMON SMITH MANNING with violation of Section 1001, Title 18; United States Code, in that on or about January 2, 1951, at Orlando, Florida, he falsely and wilfully represented to the Civil Service Commission that since his sixteenth birthday he had never been convicted, fined, imprisoned or placed on probation and that he had never been ordered to deposit bail for the violation of any law for which a fine of more than \$25.00 was imposed, whereas he had been convicted in the Criminal Court of Orange County, Florida, for offenses which imposed a sentence or imprisonment and fines in excess of \$25.00; that in an application for federal employment he stated he was not a member of any organization that advocated by force or violence or other unconstitutional means or seeking by force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, whereas he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization which comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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It is to be noted that to the Attorney General has advised that following issuance of a capias on June 19, 1953, MANNING's case would be transferred to Orlando, Florida.

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The above mentioned Federal Grand Jury during the period from February 4, 1953, to June 3, 1953, conducted an inquiry into the terrorist activities of the Ku Klux Klan in connection with instant case and the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Bombing of Carver Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida, September 22, 1951, and November 30, 1951, CIVIL RIGHTS," to ascertain if members of the Klan were in any way connected with various acts of violence including the deaths of HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE.

As a result of this inquiry the Grand Jury on June 3, 1953, returned indictments against the following persons for perjury, based on the following reasons:

RE: T. J. McMENAMY

On or about March 4, 1953, at Miami, Florida, McMENAMY, a member of the Apopka Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, corruptly and contrary to his oath testified to material matters which he did not believe to be true and which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he had never participated in any acts of violence in West Orange County.
2. That he knew nothing about an incident involving the chase of defense attorneys and newspaper reporters from the Orange County line near Mount Dora, Florida, to Orlando, Florida, in or about August 8, 1949, following the conclusion of the trial of a rape case at Tavares, Florida.
3. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about an effort by Klansmen from the aforesaid Klaverns to seize one ALBERT BOYKIN in the summer of 1950.
4. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about the seizure of and flogging of ALBERT BOYKIN by Klansmen in the summer of 1950 on a date subsequent to the incident mentioned in paragraph 3.
5. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about the burning of a shack on the outskirts of Apopka by Klansmen from the Klaverns at Apopka, Orlando and Winter Garden, Florida, in the summer of 1949.
6. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about the beating of IVAN EILBECK in the summer of 1950.

The indictment indicated that McMENNAMY knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He had participated with other members of the Klan in various acts of violence in West Orange County.
2. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the chase by members of the Klan of an automobile in which defence attorneys in the case commonly known as the Groveland rape case and certain newspaper reporters were travelling from the Orange County line near Mount Dora, Florida, on highway 441, through Apopka and into Orlando, Florida.
3. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of an attempt by members of the Klan in the summer of 1950 to seize ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, with the purpose of flogging BOYKIN.
4. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the seizing and flogging of ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, by members of the Klan on a date shortly after the incident mentioned in #3.
5. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the burning of a shack on the outskirts of Apopka by members of the Klan in the summer of 1949, the shack being the home of a man named .
6. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the beating of IVAN EILBECK in the summer of 1950.

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RE: WILLIAM L. BOGAR

On or about May 27, 1953, at Miami, Florida, BOGAR, a member of the Apopka Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, corruptly and contrary to his oath testified to material matters which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he never participated in any acts of violence in and around Apopka, Florida.

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2. That he was not one of the Klan group which chased the defence attorneys in the case commonly known as the Groveland rape case from a point on highway 441 near the county line between Lake and Orange Counties, to Orlando, Florida, on or about August 8, 1949.
3. That he did not meet with the said group of Klansmen in Plymouth, Florida, on or about August 8, 1949, for the purpose of discussing plans for the above mentioned chase.
4. That he did not stop at Lake Ola on the occasion of the above chase but merely drove by the place by coincidence.
5. That he was not a part of a group of Klansmen who in the summer of 1950 undertook to seize ALBERT BOYKIN and that he did not participate in the incident.
6. That he was not present and did not participate in the flogging of ALBERT BOYKIN by Klansmen in the late summer of 1950.
7. That he was not part of a group of Klansmen who seized and flogged IVAN EILBECK at and near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1950 and that he did not participate in the incident.
8. That he was not present with a group of Klansmen who in the summer of 1949 burned a shack on the outskirts of Apopka and did not participate in the incident.

The indictment indicated that BOGAR knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He had participated with other Klansmen in various acts of violence in and around Apopka, Florida.
2. He was a member of a group of Klansmen who on or about August 8, 1949, planned to intercept the defense attorneys in the case commonly known as the Groveland rape case, on highway 441 near the Orange-Lake County line, and who did attempt to intercept the attorneys and chased them from the vicinity of Lake Ola to Orlando, Florida.

3. He met with a group of Klansmen at Plymouth, Florida, on or about August 7, 1949, to discuss plans to intercept the defense attorneys of the Groveland Rape Case.
4. He proceeded to the vicinity of Lake Oka with a group of Klansmen where they stopped and waited for the car in which the defense attorneys were driving from Tavares to Orlando, Florida.
5. He was present and part of a group of Klansmen who in the summer of 1950 undertook to seize ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida.
6. He was present and part of a group of Klansmen who in the late summer of 1950 seized and flogged ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka.
7. He was present and part of a group of Klansmen who in the summer of 1950 seized and flogged IVAN EILBECK at and near Apopka.
8. He was one of the Klansmen who in the summer of 1949 burned a shack on the outskirts of Apopka.
9. He participated in all of the foregoing incidents.

RE: HARVEY S. REISNER

On or about March 11, 1953, at Miami, Florida, REISNER, a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka, Florida, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, corruptly and contrary to his oath testified to material matters which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he had no knowledge of and had not participated in any acts of violence in West Orange County, around Inter Garden and Apopka, Florida.
2. That he was not present, had no knowledge of and did not participate in the seizure and flogging of ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1950.

3. That he was not present, had no knowledge of and did not participate in the seizure and flogging of IVAN EILBECK at and near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1949.

The indictment indicated that REISNER knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He was present and participated in the seizure and flogging by Klansmen of ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, during the summer of 1950 and had knowledge of the incident.
2. He was present at and participated in the seizure and flogging of IVAN EILBECK by Klansmen in the summer of 1950 and had knowledge of the incident.

RE: ERNEST GLENN MORTON

On or about May 27, 1953, at Miami, Florida, MORTON, a Klansman, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, corruptly and contrary to his oath, testified to material matters which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he did not go to Lake Oia on the occasion when Klansmen undertook to intercept a carload of negro attorneys.
2. That he did not tell agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had gone to Lake Oia to chase the defense attorneys who had participated in the trial at Tavares, Florida, commonly known as the Groveland rape case.

The indictment indicated MORTON knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He went to Lake Oia on the evening of August 8, 1949, and was present with other Klansmen assembled for the purpose of intercepting a car in which the defense attorneys in the Groveland Rape Case were travelling from Tavares to Orlando.
2. On or about April 15, 1953, he told Special Agents [redacted] that he had gone to Lake Oia with other Klansmen to chase the attorneys who had defended the accused in the Groveland rape case on the occasion mentioned above.

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RE: ROBERT L. JUDAH

On or about March 18, 1953, at Miami, Florida, JUDAH, a Klansman, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully and corruptly, and contrary to his oath testified to material matters which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he did not have knowledge of and had not participated in any acts of violence in West Orange County, around Winter Garden and Apopka, Florida.
2. That he was not present, had no knowledge of and did not participate in the seizure and flogging of ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1950.
3. That he was not present, had no knowledge of and did not participate in the seizure and flogging of IVAN EILBECK at and near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1949.

The indictment indicated JUDAH knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He was present and participated in the seizure and flogging by Klansmen of ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, during the summer of 1950 and had knowledge of the incident.
2. He was present and participated in the seizure and flogging of IVAN EILBECK by members of the Klan in the summer of 1950 and had knowledge of the incident.

RE: EMMET H. HART, SR.

On or about March 1, 1953, at Miami, Florida, HART, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully, corruptly and contrary to his oath testified to material matters which he knew to be false, which testimony was in substance as follows:

1. That he had never participated in any acts of violence in West Orange County.
2. That he knew nothing about an incident involving the chase of defense attorneys and newspaper reporters from the Orange County line near Mount Dora, Florida, to Orlando, Florida, on or about August 8, 1949, after the rape case trial at Tavares, Florida.

3. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about efforts of Klansmen to seize ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka, Florida, in the summer of 1950.
4. That he was not present, did not participate and knew nothing about the seizure and flogging of BOYKIN by Klansmen in the late summer of 1950.
5. That he was not present, did not participate and knew nothing about the burning of a shack on the outskirts of Apopka by Klansmen in the summer of 1949.
6. That he was not present, did not participate in and knew nothing about the beating of IVAN EILBECK in the summer of 1950.

The indictment indicated HART knew his testimony to be false inasmuch as:

1. He had participated with other Klansmen in various acts of violence in West Orange County.
2. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the chase by Klansmen of an automobile in which defense attorneys in the case commonly known as the Groveland rape case and certain newspaper reporters were travelling, from the Orange County line near Mount Dora, Florida, on highway 441, through Apopka and into Orlando, Florida.
3. He was a participant in the attempt by Klansmen in the summer of 1950 to seize ALBERT BOYKIN near Apopka.
4. He was a participant in the seizure and flogging of BOYKIN near Apopka by Klansmen shortly thereafter.
5. He was a participant and had knowledge of the burning of a shack on the outskirts of Apopka by Klansmen in the summer of 1949, the shack being the home of a man named [redacted].
6. He was present, participated in and had knowledge of the beating of IVAN EILBECK in the summer of 1950.

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Following the indictment of the six aforementioned individuals for perjury, summonses were issued by the U. S. District Court for their appearance before that court on June 19, 1953. On June 19, 1953, all six individuals personally appeared in response to the summonses, were arraigned at that time and each entered a plea of not guilty. Motions have been filed by their attorney. As yet no date has been set for the hearing on these motions, nor has any date been set for the trial on the perjury indictments.

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A separate Fraud Against the Government case has been opened with regard to [REDACTED], Miami file 46-837, and future prosecutive action will be reported therein.

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Will follow and report prosecutive action with regard to the six perjury indictments.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] Miami, 5-12-53

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/29/53

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (44-87)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY MOORE; HARRIET MOORE -
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[redacted] on 6/10/53 furnished a copy of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) news release for June 4, 1953. The first page of the news release pertains to the indictment of six Florida clansmen allegedly involved in acts of terror in Florida between 1949 and 1952. The news release sets forth that a telegram was sent to the Attorney General of the U.S. by NAACP congratulating the Attorney General on the splendid work of the FBI and the Department.

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It should be noted that [redacted] previously furnished information as to the attempted abduction of the Groveland attorneys and reporters.

The first page of the news release is being enclosed for the Bureau's information.

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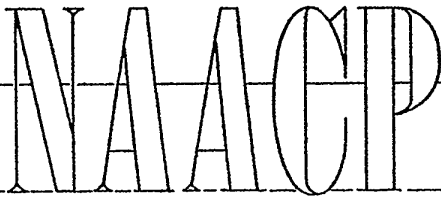


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FOR RELEASE: June 4, 1953

NAACP HAILS INDICTMENTS
OF 6 FLORIDA KLANSMEN

June 4, 1953

NEW YORK, June 4.-- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today congratulated Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Jr., upon the work of the Department of Justice in securing indictments of six Klansmen allegedly involved in acts of terror in Florida between 1949 and 1952.

In a telegram to the Attorney-General, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, offered congratulations "upon the splendid work of the FBI and the Department of Justice" in investigating crimes of violence in Florida and securing federal grand jury indictments. The six men were charged with perjury because they had denied to a grand jury that they were members of the Ku Klux Klan or had participated in bombings, beatings and other acts of violence.

Four of the accused were indicted for lying when they testified that they had not participated in an attempt, in 1949, to abduct NAACP attorneys Franklin H. Williams and Horace Hill, who were conducting the defense in the Groveland "rape" case, and reporters Romona Lowe of the Chicago Defender and Ted Poston of the New York Post, who were covering the trial at Tavares.

Noting that "a good beginning" has been made, Mr. White expressed the hope in his telegram that "the Department will continue its thorough work and particularly that it uncovers the dastardly slayers of Harry and Harriet Moore as well as other violators of the law in the State of Florida." The NAACP leader gave assurance that the Association will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Mr. Moore, NAACP coordinator for the State of Florida, and his wife were assassinated on Christmas night, 1951, when a hate bomb was exploded under their home in Mims. Although the grand jury investigated this case, no indictments were returned.

A seventh man, not accused of involvement in criminal violence, was also indicted on charges that he lied when he denied Klan membership when applying for a federal job.

CONGRESS' SIDETRACKS
D.C. SEGREGATION BAN

June 4, 1953

WASHINGTON, June 4.-- The first legislative move in the 83rd Congress to ban segregation in the District of Columbia was this week sidetracked by a parliamentary maneuver in the House of Representatives.

Rel. from [redacted] on 6/10/53 by SA [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General

July 16, 1953

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, et al - VICTIMS
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FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
(Your reference 144-18-205)

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated May 29, 1952, which furnished as an attachment a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 16, 1952, at Savannah, Georgia.

Our Miami Division has advised that Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] is of the opinion that it will be essential to have the testimony of subject [redacted] in the perjury cases arising out of the Harry T. Moore matter. He also expressed the opinion that no action should be taken against [redacted] in the Savannah area with regard to Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code, inasmuch as his testimony is needed and he is a cooperating witness. [redacted] stated that he was going to make his opinion known in this matter to the Department.

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It is requested that this Bureau be advised as to whether the Department concurs with the opinion expressed by [redacted]

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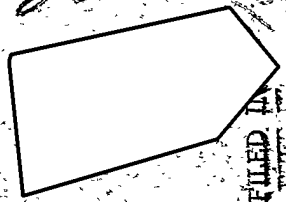
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: July 25, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE;
HARRIETT T. MOORE (deceased) - VICTIMS
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In a recent conference [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, requested that ALBERT BOYKIN (colored) and [redacted] EILBECK be located and interviewed and a signed statement obtained from each of them regarding a beating which each had been reported to have received from Klansmen near Apopka, Florida. The Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, on 6/3/53 returned a number of indictments against Klansmen for perjury in connection with testimony given by them before the Federal Grand Jury which was inquiring into terrorist activities in the Orlando area in connection with the death of the victims in this case. The Klansmen who were indicted denied any knowledge or participation in the beatings of BOYKIN or EILBECK, although testimony was received before a Federal Grand Jury from other Klansmen that BOYKIN and EILBECK had been beaten and the defendants were participants in the beatings.

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Investigation by the Miami Office has disclosed BOYKIN's true name to be ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR., and EILBECK's to be IVAN J. EILBECK.

ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR. was located at Apopka, Florida, and at that time admitted he had received a beating from a number of white men during October, 1949, the beating allegedly having taken place in an orange grove near Apopka, Florida. At the time BOYKIN was located, photographs were not available of individuals who, according to informants, were the persons responsible for the alleged beating given BOYKIN. [redacted] has specifically requested that these photographs be exhibited to BOYKIN to determine if he can identify any of these individuals as his assailants. A number of these individuals have been indicted for perjury in regard to the beating. [redacted] has also specifically requested that a detailed signed statement be obtained from BOYKIN regarding the beating regardless of whether or not BOYKIN is able to identify any of his reported assailants.

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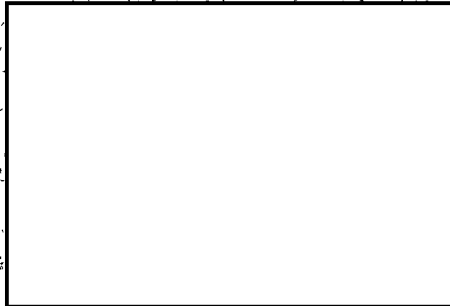
When efforts were made to re-contact BOYKIN at Apopka, Florida, it was determined BOYKIN had left Apopka, and according to his son, [REDACTED], ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR. is presently employed at or in the vicinity of Leck Kill, Pennsylvania, and receives his mail at General Delivery there. [REDACTED], stated he does not know the name of his father's employer, but his father is employed on a truck farm as a laborer. He said he had very recently received a letter from his father in which the latter stated he did not intend to return to Apopka, Florida, until the latter part of September or first part of October next.

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Investigation is presently being conducted by the Miami Office to locate IVAN J. ELLBECK who was last reported to be residing at Ocala, Florida.

Philadelphia is requested to attempt to locate ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR. through General Delivery at Leck Kill, Pennsylvania, and exhibit to him photographs of the following individuals who, according to informants, were BOYKIN's assailants. These photographs are being forwarded as enclosures:

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It is requested these photographs be returned to the Miami Office.

The Philadelphia Office is also requested to obtain a detailed signed statement from BOYKIN in accordance with request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General [REDACTED] regarding the alleged beating received by BOYKIN. This statement should contain the names of any of the individuals whose photographs are exhibited to BOYKIN in the event BOYKIN should identify them. If he does not identify any of these individuals, it is still requested that a detailed statement regarding the beating be obtained. The interview of BOYKIN should be set

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forth in report form with appropriate copies for the Bureau, Miami, and one copy designated for the United States Attorney at Tampa, Florida.

This investigation should be given immediate and expeditious attention.

Assistant Attorney General
[redacted]

July 17, 1953

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated May 27, 1952, which furnished as an attachment a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 16, 1952, at Savannah, Georgia.

For your information, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, [redacted], has advised our Miami Division that he has not made a decision as to whether or not the Federal Grand Jury should consider the possible violation of Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code, by subject [redacted]. He indicated that he was going to leave the matter entirely up to the Department as to whether such action should be taken.

In view of the above advice is requested as to whether the Department contemplates any prosecutive action with respect to subject [redacted].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: 8/5/53

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-143)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE;
HARRIET T. MOORE (Deceased) VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Relet from Miami to Bureau dated 7/25/53.

A copy of referenced letter as well as 17 photographs furnished by the Miami Office are being forwarded as enclosures to the Newark Office since [redacted] Leck Kill, Pa., advised on 7/31/53 that ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR., is no longer residing in the vicinity of Leck Kill, Pa. She stated he left the community about two weeks ago, and at that time instructed her to forward his mail to 289 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

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Newark will attempt to locate BOYKIN at 289 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, N. J., and interview him in accordance with referenced letter. RUC

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HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIMS
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 6 1953.

FROM : [Redacted] Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Harry T. Moore, et al. - Victims
Civil Rights; Conspiracy
Fraud against the Government

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Fraud against the Government

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 17, 1953.

We are requesting the opinion of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of South Carolina relative to prosecution in connection with the matter involving subject [Redacted]. As soon as we hear from the United States Attorney, we shall advise you further.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MIAMI**

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/14/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/12,13,14/53	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. GLEASON /cps
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERT BOYKIN, SR., interviewed at New Brunswick, N.J., and unable to identify individuals who beat him at Apopka, Fla., on 10/6/49. BOYKIN identified photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] as persons known to him in Florida. Signed statement re beating set forth.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting agent and SA JOHN M. MASTERSON:

At New Brunswick, N.J.

ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR., 289 Neilson St., was interviewed at his place of employment, the Massey Concrete Co., New Brunswick, and he advised that he was unable to identify any of the individuals involved in beating him in an orange grove on the outskirts of Apopka, Fla., on the night of 10/6/49.

BOYKIN was shown 17 photographs, made available by the Miami Office, of individuals from Florida who possibly could have been involved in this beating, and he identified the photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] as persons known to him in and around Apopka, Fla., but stated that he could not identify these individuals as being present on the night he was beaten.

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The following signed statement was obtained from BOYKIN concerning the details of the beating:

"New Brunswick, N.J.
August 13, 1953

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"I, Albert S. ~~X~~ Boykin, Sr., make the following statement to John J. Gleason and John M. Masterson, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own will and I know it can be used in a court of law.

"On the night of Oct. 6, 1949, at about 9:00 PM, I was walking along Apopka and Clarecone Road and I met three automobiles coming from the other direction. I was going north. As the middle car came beside me, it stopped and two men got out, covered me with revolvers, probably .38 calibre, and ordered me into the car. The first car went on by me and I don't know where the third car went. The men ordered me to get face down on the floor in the back of the car, which I did. As we rode along, the one man in back kept sticking the barrel of the gun against my head. The one in front kept sticking the barrel of his gun in my short ribs. They told me that if I lifted my head, I wouldn't get back to Apopka.

"The men asked me where the black bitch was who came down from North Carolina to negotiate the contract. I knew whom they were talking about, but I had never seen the woman. I had heard that she was a CIO representative from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. of Raleigh, N.C., and that she was in Florida to negotiate a new contract at Consumers Lumber and Veneer Co., at Apopka, Fla., for Local 23, CIO, Crate Mill Workers.

"They drove out to an orange grove about three miles from where they picked me up. I believe it was George M-----'s grove. I wouldn't talk, so they made me crawl out of the car onto the ground and then up on an orange-field box. They took all my clothes off

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and then beat me across the rump with either a whip or a rubber hose. About four different men hit me five or six licks apiece.

"One man called, 'Hey you one-eyed boy, you come on up.' Then the man called up would beat me. Then the man called, 'You one-armed boy, you come on up.' Then that man came up and hit me. Then the same man said, 'You one-legged boy, you come on up.' Then another man would come up and beat me. The man called, 'Hey, Nubby,' and the fourth man came up and beat me.

"When I had crawled out of the car, I saw six or seven cars in the grove, and there must have been about thirty men there in all. I didn't recognize any of these men at any time and I've never heard who any of them were.

"After the beating, they handed me my clothes and told me to get running. I ran away and heard three or four shots in the air. After I ran a piece, I stopped and put my clothes on and walked until I came to the main road. I stopped at [redacted] house and [redacted] drove me home to Apopka.

"I have read this statement of four pages plus two lines an it is true to the best off my knowledge. I have initialed corrections on pages one an three."

/s/ Albert S. Boykin, Sr.

Witness:

John J. Gleason, F.B.I., Newark, 8/13/53.

John M. Masterson, F.B.I., Newark, 8/13/53.

It is noted that the last paragraph of this statement is in BOYKIN'S own handwriting.

BOYKIN advised that in June, possibly 6/15/53, [redacted] approached him in Apopka and asked him to sign some papers at the office of the Justice of Peace, which would affirm that HART was not one of those present in the orange grove on the

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night BOYKIN was beaten, 10/6/49. BOYKIN stated that he refused to comply with [redacted] request, as he had seen in the paper that [redacted] had been subpoenaed to Miami in connection with this case. BOYKIN stated that although he could not identify [redacted] as one of those present at the beating, he did not feel he should eliminate [redacted] either.

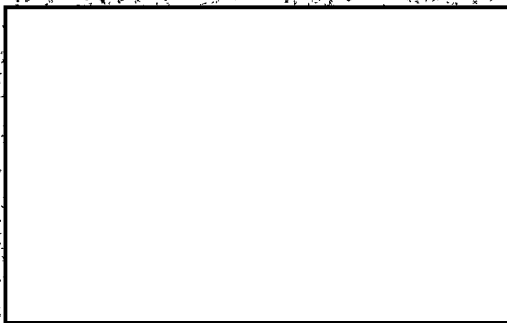
BOYKIN gave his age as 49 and stated that he is presently residing with his sister, LUELLA BOYKIN, 289 Neilson St., New Brunswick, N.J., and that he intended to stay in New Brunswick and at his present employment indefinitely.

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17 photographs of the following individuals:

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1 original signed statement ALBERT S. BOYKIN, SR.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE: Miami letter to Bureau, 7/25/53.
Philadelphia letter to Bureau 8/5/53.

Assistant Attorney General
[Redacted]

September 18, 1953

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

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Information received from our Miami Division reflects that United States Attorney James Guilmartin advised that the next term of court in Miami is set for the period October 19 through November 6, 1953. Of those for whom prosecution is currently outstanding, Mr. Guilmartin stated that the only case to be presented during the next scheduled term of court is the perjury matter involving [Redacted] which arose out of the Garver Village incident. He stated that this particular matter is scheduled for trial on November 2, 1953.

United States Attorney Guilmartin further advised that he is endeavoring to bring the remainder of the cases to an early trial; however, he has been unsuccessful to date due to the extremely crowded docket and the lack of Federal judges to hear the cases. He added that he is attempting to have additional judges transferred in and that if such action is successful, the balance of the cases will be immediately scheduled for trial.

In view of the time that has elapsed since prosecutive action has been taken against these various individuals, it is strongly suggested that efforts be made to alleviate this situation in order that this matter may be brought to its logical conclusion in a minimum of time.

cc: 1 - SAC, Miami (Info.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: September 11, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

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DATE 11-24-82 BY SP4 [signature]

SUBJECT: THE FLORIDA BOMBINGS

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SYNOPSIS

Between 9/2/51, and 12/9/51, there were a number of bombings and attempted bombings of Jewish temples, schools, and centers, a Catholic Church and a housing center in Miami, Florida. Preliminary investigations were conducted in each instance and on 12/23/51, as a result of the dynamite murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore of Miami, Florida, then Attorney General Howard McGrath requested a full and complete investigation of this and all related cases to determine the identity of those responsible. He stated question of jurisdiction would be settled when investigation completed. Extensive investigation conducted and on 10/5/52, a special Federal Grand Jury was empaneled to hear all of the evidence developed. Two special assistants of the Attorney General assigned to handle the hearings. To date all evidence developed with respect to the Carver Village incidents and the dynamite attacks of Harry T. Moores have been presented and 12 indictments returned, five individuals indicted for violation of Section 2381, Title 18, for making false statements and 7 individuals indicted for perjury. Grand Jury recessed indefinitely on 6/3/53, subject to recall when needed.

[redacted] a former Klan member, and one of the individuals interviewed during course of bombing investigation, determined to have failed to reflect membership when employed by E. I. du Pont on the Savannah River project. Miami letter May 5, 1953, indicated SAAG [redacted] undecided as to what disposition to make of [redacted] case. [redacted], Criminal Division, contacted personally 6/15/53, and advised decision not as yet reached. Department followed on July 17, 1953, and reply by memo dated 7/1/53, advised matter being considered by USA and Department awaiting his decision. Savannah memo dated August 20, 1953, (received 9/2/53), states USA Whaley requested information as to [redacted] participation in the Association of Georgia Klans and why he severed his relationship with the Klan. SAC Schlenker, Savannah, advised on 9/16/53 that report to reach Bureau on or before September 18 next.

RECOMMENDATION

Both the Department and the field are being followed closely in order that the Bureau will be informed of all developments.

This is being submitted in order that you will be aware of the current status of these matters.

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

DETAILS:

During the Fall and Winter of 1951 a number of incidents were brought to the attention of the Bureau regarding certain bombings and attempted bombings which had occurred in and around Miami, Florida. These matters are currently being handled as four separate and distinct cases, namely:

- (1) Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Carver Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida, 9/22 and 11/30/51.
- (2) Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Jewish Temples, Schools and Centers, Miami, Florida.
- (3) Unknown Subjects; Dynamite Incident St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Miami, Florida.
- (4) Unknown Subjects; Harry T. Moore, et al - Victims.

On September 22 and November 30, 1951, apartment buildings, part of a housing project known as Carver Village, Edison Center, were dynamited. The project was occupied only by white tenants until the Summer of 1951, at which time owners opened a colored project for Negro occupancy. All information with respect to these two incidents were furnished the Department in addition to which all current developments were also brought to its attention.

Between October 1 and December 9, 1951, there were a series of incidents which occurred in Miami, Florida, involving various Jewish properties. In one instance an official of the Tilfereth Israel Northside Center received a telephone call that the Center was to be bombed. On October 1, 1951, a sign was found at the Center stating in German "Attention. Explosion delayed. Down with the damn Jew and the dirty Negroes. Heil Hitler and the KKK."

Subsequent to the above, there were three incidents where one or two sticks of unexploded dynamite were found on Jewish properties and on December 2, 1951, an explosion occurred at the Miami Hebrew School and Congregation Building.

The Department was currently advised of all developments with respect to these particular incidents and by memorandum dated

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December 7, 1951, requested that a preliminary investigation be immediately instituted with respect to the matters involving the Jewish centers. The results of these investigations were made available to the Department on December 27, 1951.

On December 23, 1951, a telephone call was received at the home of the Chief of Police, Coral Gables, Florida, at which time the caller stated that no prejudice was to be shown and that a Catholic Church was to be bombed. The caller stated "You people have nothing to worry about," which was interpreted by the local authorities as meaning that the proposed incident would not take place in Coral Gables. Thereafter, in the early morning hours of the same day a stick of unexploded dynamite was found in the doorway of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Miami, Florida.

On December 25, 1951, at approximately 10:20 P.M., an explosion occurred at the home of Harry T. Moore near Mims, Brevard County, Florida. As a result of this explosion, Moore was killed instantly and his wife died on January 3, 1952. It is to be noted that Moore had been until just prior to this incident the State Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Florida.

Upon receipt of this information the Miami Division immediately initiated a preliminary investigation to determine if a violation existed over which this Bureau had jurisdiction.

By memorandum dated December 28, 1951, then Attorney General Howard McGrath requested that a full investigation be conducted with respect to this and all related dynamiting incidents occurring in Florida in an effort to determine the individual responsible. It was further indicated that the question of jurisdiction was to be determined at a later date.

An extensive and widespread investigation was immediately started with respect to all phases of the Florida bombing cases which failed to develop whether there was any Federal jurisdiction and failed to determine the identity of those responsible; however, the investigation did determine that a number of violations of the Fraud Against the Government Statute existed with respect to members of the Ku-Klux Klan who had made false statements in applications for Federal employment.

Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Due to the uncooperative attitude of Klan members who were the principal suspects, a Federal Grand Jury was empaneled on October 6, 1952, and immediately began hearings on evidence developed up to that time. The Grand Jury on December 9, 1952, returned a partial report together with indictments for Klan members William Glenn Orwick and Arthur Freeze Udgreen for giving false statements to Bureau Agents during investigation and Harry George De Rosier for making a false statement in his application for Federal employment all of which were in violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. The Grand Jury also indicted Mrs. Helen Russell, a former vice president of the Edison Center Civic Association, for perjury before the Grand Jury in that she denied meeting with certain Klan members prior to the first Cartar Village dynamiting regarding keeping the Negroes out of the Center.

Pursuant to instructions received from Assistant Attorney General [redacted] a complaint was filed on December 10, 1952, by the Savannah Division charging John C. Strickland, another former Klan member, with violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, for furnishing false statements in his application for Federal employment. INDICTMENT RETURNED 12-19-52. b6 b7C

The Grand Jury recessed for the Christmas Holidays, reconvening shortly thereafter and began hearing testimony with respect to the "Harry T. Moore phase" of the bombing.

On March 25, 1953, a partial report was brought in by the Grand Jury of what it called a "Category of terror that seems incredible." It further stated that the Ku-Klux Klan was responsible for the acts of violence occurring in that area and that "It is founded on the worse institution of mankind. At its best, it is intolerant and bigoted; at its worse, it is sadistic and brutal."

The Grand Jury at this time recommended that the State legislature of Florida enact a law "with comprehensive requirements and with real teeth" to control the use of dynamite. After returning the above-mentioned partial report, the Grand Jury recessed.

Subsequent to reconvening shortly thereafter, indictments

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were returned by the Grand Jury on May 21, 1953, charging Simon Smith Manning with violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, and William Jackson Bogar, T. J. McMeanny, Robert Lloyd Jodah, Harvey Reisner, William Glenn Martin, and Emmett Hart with perjury.

On June 3, 1953, the Grand Jury recessed indefinitely subject to recall at such time as the Government had additional evidence to present.

During the course of the investigation in the various bombing incidents, one [redacted], a former Klan member, was interviewed at which time it was determined that he was then employed by E. I. du Pont on Savannah River project, and failed to reveal his membership in this organization.

Miami letter dated May 5, 1953, advised that Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] had indicated that he had not as yet decided what disposition he was going to make of the possible violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, by subject [redacted]. All available facts having been furnished the Department, [redacted] Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, was personally contacted by a representative of the Bureau on June 15, 1953, in an effort to determine whether any decision had been reached. [redacted] advised that the matter was still under consideration and that he would let the Bureau know when it was decided what action was to be taken. On July 17, 1953, the Department was followed for an opinion and in reply by memorandum dated August 6, 1953, advice was received that the matter was being considered by the United States Attorney at Charleston, South Carolina, and that the Department was awaiting his opinion.

Savannah letter dated August 28, 1953, advised that United States Attorney Ben Scott Whaley of Charleston, South Carolina, had requested additional investigation regarding the subject's participation in the Association of Georgia Klans. It was requested that the Savannah Division endeavor to determine why and how Bell severed his relationship with the Klan. Mr. Whaley also requested that the employee of the DuPont Corporation who prepared [redacted] Personnel Security Questionnaire be interviewed.

SAC A. C. Schlenker advised that Mr. Whaley's request was received by letter dated August 26, 1953, and that a report reflecting the desired information would reach the Bureau on or before September 18 next.

Assistant Attorney General

September 21, 1953

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HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS
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(Your reference 44-18-205 MWH)

Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum dated September 18, 1953, regarding the current status of the indictments presently outstanding in these matters.

Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] advised our Miami Division on September 15 last that the motions he had prepared on the six perjury cases which developed from the Grand Jury in captioned matter are scheduled for argument on October 2, 1953.

[redacted] stated that he was uncertain as to whether the Grand Jury would be called back into session or not and that a lot would depend upon the outcome of the motions to be argued on October 2.

[redacted] was unable to give any other pertinent information regarding prosecution in these matters and stated that he would keep the Bureau currently advised of all developments.

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Re

FBI, MIAMI TIME: 9-15-53
Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-4118) AIR-TEL
AIR MAIL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED),
VICTIMS, CR. WHILE IN CONVERSATION WITH SAAG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON INSTANT DATE THE LATTER ADVISED THAT THE MOTIONS
HE HAD PREPARED ON THE SIX PERJURY CASES, WHICH DEVELOPED
FROM GRAND JURY HEARINGS IN CAPTIONED CASE, SAID MOTIONS ARE
BEING SCHEDULED FOR ARGUMENT OCTOBER 2 NEXT. [REDACTED]
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Mr. Rosen

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Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MIAMI**

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: IVAN JOSEPH EILBECK alleges in signed statement he was abducted from his home in Apopka, Fla. during latter part of '49 or early '50 by several white men who severely beat him and left him several miles from Apopka. Also stated his abductors unknown to him and he doubted if he would be able to identify them. Photographs of individuals believed to have beaten EILBECK exhibited to him but he claims all unknown with the exception of aka. whom he knows as the operator of a radio repair shop in Apopka.

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DETAILS: AT LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent

The records of the Veterans Administration Hospital reflect that IVAN J. EILBECK was in that hospital during March and April, 1953 with internal bleeding. The records indicate that EILBECK is a constitutional psychopathic case; his address was given as General Delivery, Ocala, Florida; and his occupation as ice maker, employed at an ice plant in Ocala.

AT OCALA, FLORIDA

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent JOHN H. LUPTON.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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[redacted] Clerk, U. S. Post Office, advised that IVAN J. EILBECK presently resides on the Williston Road, Route 3, Box 181, Ocala, Florida.

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

IVAN J. EILBECK was interviewed at his residence, Route 3, Box 181, Ocala, Florida, on September 21, 1953 as to the beating he reportedly had received from a number of Klansmen near Apopka, Florida. EILBECK at first denied that he had ever been beaten by a group of men as previously reported, then admitted that he had been abducted from his house and beaten. He explained he was reluctant to discuss the matter and was fearful that there might be further bodily harm done to him if his abductors heard that he had talked regarding the beating he had received.

EILBECK furnished the following signed statement as to the beating:

"Box 181, Rt. 3
Ocala, Fla.
Sept. 21, 1953

"I, IVAN JOSEPH EILBECK, make the following voluntary statement to [redacted], who has identified himself to me to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement. I realize this statement may be used in a court of law.

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"I was born May 3, 1912 at Green Cove Springs, Fla., the son of IVAN JOSEPH EILBECK and MARY EILBECK.

"As well as I can recall during the latter part of 1949 or early part of 1950 four white men came to my front door one night at approximately 9:30 P. M. I was living in Apopka, Fla., at the time and my home was located on the corner of Monroe St. and Wick Ivy Spring Rd. My wife, CARRIE MAE, her grandmother, LUCY J. BALKCOM, and"

"my son, [redacted] were all at home with me at the time. I heard someone knock on the front door. I slipped on my pants and went to the front door. The rest of my family were in bed. When I opened the front door I saw four white men. One of them asked me for a light fuse for a house. I told him I didn't have a fuse but I had a flashlight which I would let him have. I walked back into the house and got my flashlight and came back to the door.

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"I came back to the front door with the flashlight. When I held out the flashlight in my right hand two men grabbed my right arm and snatched me out of the doorway into the yard. The other two men grabbed ahold of me. I began to fight, breaking away from the men. I back up to the side of my house and at that time saw there were three cars parked in front of my house. I recall when I first opened the front door I saw one car parked in front of my house with the lights off. When I broke away from the men and backed up against my house I saw two more cars drive up and park behind the first car. They too turned their lights off.

"After I backed up against the house several men ganged up on me. One man got a hold around my neck and some others got me by the arms and legs and I was dragged out to the first car. I was put on the floor of the back seat and one man sat on me to hold me down. I recall that a one arm man hit me over the head with my flashlight when they ganged up on me at the house.

"I recall after we drove off we made several turns and after a few minutes the car stopped. I was dragged out of the car feet first and put on the ground on my stomach. One man held my head face down in the dirt and one pulled my pants down. One man sat on my legs. Then someone began beating me from my hips to my knees with a strap. Several men did the beating. I heard them telling each other to take their turn in beating me. When the men stopped beating me"

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"One of them told me to lie on the ground with my face down for five minutes. He said if they heard anything about the beating they would come back and fill my belly with buckshot. Also I had better have a job in a weeks time. The same man said I had beaten my wife and caused her to have a miscarriage. One of the men said he should kill me because I had almost broken his finger in the fight at my house. I remained on the ground several minutes. I heard the cars drive away. I got up and walked home. The place I was taken was near a small lake off the Wick Ivy Springs Road several miles from Apopka. When I walked back home I avoided being seen as I was afraid the same men would see me again.

"When I got home my wife's grandmother, LUCY BALKCOM, bathed my buttocks and legs and doctored me for about two weeks. There were large cuts across my buttocks and legs and there was tar in them which came from the strap used to beat me.

I didn't recognize any of the men who took me out and beat me. So far as I know I have never seen them before or after the beating. Just before the men began beating me I heard a man's voice which sounded like that of [redacted] who runs a radio shop in Apopka. I never got a good look at any of the men and I am not sure [redacted] was there other than hearing a voice which sounded like his.

"I don't know why I was taken out and beaten and don't remember doing anything such as causing my wife to have a miscarriage.

"I have red the above statement of this page & six other pages it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ "IVAN JOSEPH EILBECK

"Witness:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Miami."

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EILBECK stated that he served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1945 when he received a medical discharge. He said that he was injured in an explosion in a foxhole and thereafter suffered paralysis of his legs for two or three years. He claimed that this condition improved but thereafter he began to suffer with severe pains in his stomach. He explained that he moved to Apopka, Florida in 1946 and as well as he can recall left Apopka in 1949. He resided on Mason Avenue in Apopka and was a neighbor of [redacted] [redacted] aka. [redacted] who operated a radio repair shop in Apopka. During the time he resided in Apopka his father-in-law, M. H. BALKCOM, resided a short distance from EILBECK and there was another neighbor, one [redacted]

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According to EILBECK in 1949 the pains became so intense in his abdomen that he went to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Bay Pines, Florida where he received treatment and thereafter returned home. He claimed that after he returned to Apopka he also received medical attention from a [redacted] in Apopka. He said that both [redacted] and the doctors in the Veterans Hospital at Bay Pines gave him some kind of "dope" to take for the severe pains he was experiencing in his abdomen. As well as he could recall approximately two weeks after he returned home during 1949 from the Veterans Administration Hospital at Bay Pines the above alleged beating occurred.

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He said that before he went to Bay Pines, [redacted] had prescribed the "dope" for him and he was so much under the influence of the medicine that there were periods of time he does not recall what he did. He said as well as he can recall it was during this time that he was arrested and placed in the Orange County jail at Orlando, Florida. As well as he could recall he had been arrested by the Apopka Police Department and then incarcerated in the Orange County jail where he remained for two months. He said that he was taken from the Orange County jail to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bay Pines, Florida where he received additional medical attention. He explained he returned home from Bay Pines but his condition had not improved sufficiently for him to remain at home and he had to return to Bay Pines, Florida for additional medical attention. He explained that approximately two weeks after returning home from Bay Pines he was taken out and beaten as set forth in his signed

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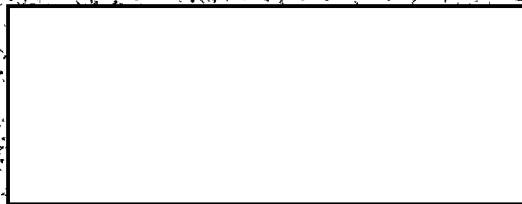
statement. He added that on April 9, 1950 he was operated on for cancer of the stomach at the Veterans Hospital at Lake City, Florida. He explained that he had gone to this facility inasmuch as it is the one located in the region in which he resides.

Throughout the interview EILBECK appeared to experience difficulty in recalling events that occurred previous to the alleged beating. He attributed his inability to recall events as being due to "dope" he was taking at that time to alleviate the severe abdominal pains.

EILBECK stated he has never belonged to the Klan nor has he ever attended any of the meetings. He said that he does not know why he was beaten although he does recall one of the men during the beating stated that EILBECK had caused Mrs. EILBECK to have a miscarriage. EILBECK said that he later learned from his wife and her grandmother that he had pulled a chair from under his wife on two or three occasions causing her to fall to the floor and as a result of this she had suffered a miscarriage. He claimed that during this period of time he was so much under the influence of "dope" given him for his abdominal pains that he does not recall what occurred. He also mentioned that some statement was made during the beating to the effect he should get a job. In this regard he said he had attempted to obtain and keep employment but his physical condition was such that he had been unable to do so.

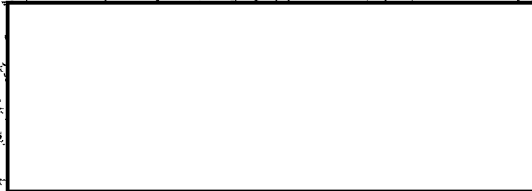
With regard to the beating EILBECK advised that he has never found out who was responsible for the beating. He suspects his abductors of being Klansmen but in this regard he said he had nothing more than his suspicions.

EILBECK was exhibited photographs of the following individuals who have previously been reported by informants as having been his assailants.



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EILBECK stated that the only individual he recognized from the photographs is [redacted] of a radio repair shop at Apopka, Florida. EILBECK stated that he has been in [redacted] radio shop to have radio repair work done and it was after his beating and while he was at [redacted] radio shop that he heard [redacted] voice and at that time it seemed to him that the voice was identical with that of one of the men who beat him. As previously stated, EILBECK said he could not be positive of this matter but it did appear to him that the voices were the same.

Mrs. CARRIE MAE EILBECK, wife of EVAN JOSEPH EILBECK, advised she recalls the night when her husband was taken *From* their home in Apopka by several white men and thereafter returned home with lacerations on his buttocks and legs. She said that she was the one that opened the front door of the house and not her husband on the night when the men came to the house ostensibly seeking an electric fuse for a house. She also advised that she saw her husband return to the front door with a flashlight and at that time four men seized him and dragged him from the doorway into the yard. At this point she became terrified and turned, ran out the backdoor of her house, and across the field to her father's house. She explained that her father, M. H. BALKCOM, was at that time residing a short distance from her home in Apopka but since that time has moved out on the Wick Ivy Road. She remained at her father's residence and a short time later returned to her home to re-join her grandmother and son, [redacted] who, according to Mrs. EILBECK, had remained inside the house during the time her husband was seized and abducted. She said she only had a short glimpse of the men who seized her husband and the only description of them she could furnish was the fact that they were white men. She advised she was positive she would not recognize them if she were to see them again.

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According to Mrs. EILBECK her husband returned home a few hours later and at that time she observed that he was lacerated across the buttocks and legs. She said the lacerations were bleeding profusely and the skin had been broken in numerous places, some of it having been torn and hanging from his body. She and her grandmother, Mrs. BALKCOM, cleaned the wounds and put medication on them. She said that it was necessary to continue the medication for approximately two weeks. She also advised that her husband did not seek the assistance of a doctor inasmuch as he feared it would become known that he had been beaten and he still feared that his abductors might visit additional punishment upon him.

Mrs. EILBECK stated that her husband returned from military service suffering from what he said was a paralysis due to an explosion in a foxhole.

Mrs. EILBECK described her husband as being highly nervous and added that the paralysis eventually disappeared but thereafter her husband began to complain of severe abdominal pains. After the beginning of the abdominal pains EILBECK consulted [redacted] of Apopka and [redacted] prescribed some type of "dope". She said that some time after he began taking medicine for his abdominal difficulty he on three separate occasions pulled a chair from under her while she was seated at the table and thereafter she had to consult a physician. She consulted [redacted] and was advised that she had undergone a miscarriage. [redacted] at the time advised her that she was apparently three or four months pregnant when she had the miscarriage. Mrs. EILBECK pointed out that her husband does not use alcoholic beverages and did not use them during the time he appeared to be "doped up". She expressed the opinion that his actions in pulling the chair from under her could be attributed to his "doped up" condition.

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In this regard she said that on one occasion when he pulled a chair from under her he became so angry and "crazy acting" that she and her grandmother, along with her son, [redacted] fled from their house to her father's house and at the time they were chased a short distance by her husband who was armed with a butcher knife. She said that on this occasion someone called the Apopka police and her

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husband was arrested and taken to the Orange County Jail. She explained that upon his release from the Orange County Jail he was sent to the Veterans Hospital at Bay Pines. She pointed out that it was after his release from Bay Pines that he was taken from his home and beaten by the white men.

Mrs. EILBECK denied that she or anyone to her knowledge contacted any Klansman regarding her husband. She also advised that she has never heard anything which would indicate that her husband had been reported to the Klan in Apopka or that the Klan was responsible for beating her husband although she has suspected the assailants as being Klansmen. She also stated that she was not angry with her husband for his actions which resulted in her miscarriage, inasmuch as he was "so doped up he didn't know what he was doing" and would "go all to pieces" for no apparent reason. She said he hasn't been able to work since his release from military service and was at one time receiving 69% disability but since his operation for abdominal trouble he has been only receiving 10%. According to her, EILBECK has not been highly nervous or difficult to get along with since his operation at Lake City Veterans Hospital for some type of abdominal difficulty, the exact nature of which she claims is unknown to her. She explained that she and the family are presently living on money given to them by the Welfare Agency at Ocala, Florida and the 10% disability pension her husband presently receives.

Mrs. EILBECK stated that she has talked with her father regarding the beating of her husband and her father has stated to her that he does not know who the persons were who beat her husband or the individuals in any way responsible for the beating.

Mrs. LUCY J. BALKCOM, grandmother of Mrs. CARRIE MAE EILBECK, stated she was residing with the EILBECK family at the time EILBECK was taken from his house and beaten. Mrs. BALKCOM, who is a very elderly woman, stated she does not recall when the beating occurred other than the EILBECK family was residing at Apopka. She advised that she and her great-grandson, [redacted], were asleep and did not get up and go to the front door. She furnished substantially

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the same information as given by her granddaughter and EILBECK as to the medicine administered by her upon EILBECK's return to his home. Mrs. BALKCOM explained that she was terrified when she saw her granddaughter run through the house and out the backdoor and it was because of this that she did not go out to the front of the house and witness the fight that was occurring between EILBECK and his assailants. She was of the opinion that the assailants were Klansmen but in this regard she did not have any specific reason other than suspicions. She, as her granddaughter, denied that she has any information other than that EILBECK had been reported to the Klan for neglecting his family and causing his wife to have a miscarriage. She also described EILBECK's condition previous to his abdominal operation as being one of a highly nervous nature and almost uncontrollable. She attributed EILBECK's actions at that time as being due to his "doped up" condition, pointing out that after his operation, when he appeared to be in much better health, she had mentioned the miscarriage to EILBECK and EILBECK had denied being able to recall any of his actions during that period of time. She, as in the case of EILBECK and his wife, stated that she was reluctant to do any talking regarding the beating, inasmuch as she was fearful that the persons responsible for beating EILBECK might again visit punishment upon him, particularly inasmuch as they had specifically stated that he had better not make any statements regarding his beating.

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MIAMI DIVISION

At Miami, Florida

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

REFERENCE

Miami letter to Bureau dated 7/25/53.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Belmont	✓
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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

SEP 8 1953

FROM : [Redacted] Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

WO:MMH:efr

144-18-205

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Harry T. Moore, et al. - Victims
Civil Rights

[Redacted] wa.
Fraud against the Government

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This will refer to my memorandum of August 6, 1953, in which you were advised that we were requesting the opinion of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of South Carolina relative to prosecution in the above matter.

We are enclosing a copy of a letter, dated August 26, 1953, from United States Attorney Ben Scott Whaley for your information and whatever action which may be necessary.

Enclosure No. 100997

What is current status of our investigation?

*Memo Rosen to Ladd
9/11/53 - 1850*

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No 100997

FROM

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Charleston, S. C.
August 26, 1953

The Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention:

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Assistant Attorney General
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Re: [redacted] wa. - Fraud against the Government
D/J File No. WO:MNH:efr 144-18-205

Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 6, 1953 this is to advise that this office was not furnished with copies of reports with reference to the above set forth subject. We requested from the Savannah office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation their reports and we were furnished with copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 16, 1952.

We have examined the above set forth report and we have requested certain additional information concerning subject's activities in the Klan and the circumstances surrounding the execution of the personnel security questionnaire by the subject. We are doing this in view of the information previously made known to you relative to the case of [redacted] relative to violation of Title 18, Section 1001, wherein in the latter instance the circumstances of the violation and the continued employment of the subject at the Savannah River Plant Atomic Energy Commission was the factor as to why the grand jury returned a no bill.

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At the present time we are awaiting further investigation and/or reports before rendering an opinion as to prosecution.

Respectfully,

BEN SCOTT CHALEY
United States Attorney

By:

THEODORE D. STONEY
Assistant United States Attorney

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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 28 1953

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9/28/53

FROM : [redacted], Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Harry T. Moore, et al. - Victims
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Reference is made to our memorandum of September 8, 1953.

Under date of September 17, 1953, we are advised by the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of South Carolina that the case involving [redacted] will be presented to a grand jury at Charleston, South Carolina, the second Monday in October 1953.

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By memorandum dated September 28, 1953, a copy of which is attached, the Department advised that the case involving [redacted] will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Charleston, South Carolina, on the second Monday of October, 1953.

The Bureau is to be immediately advised as to the outcome of the grand jury hearing when such information is available.

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Harry T. Moore was killed 12/25/51 and his wife died 1/3/52 as result of a dynamite explosion in their home in Mims, Florida. Former G McGrath ordered investigation of this and other Florida dynamiting incidents on 12/28/51. Federal Grand Jury was empaneled in October of 1952 to hear all phases of bombing cases. [redacted] testified and Dept. and USA Ben Scott Whaley considering whether to seek indictment against [redacted] for violation of Sect. 1001, Title 18, furnishing fake statements.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: HARRY W. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: October 17, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE;
HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) -
VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Miami Origin)

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For information of the Bureau, Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] has advised that oral arguments on motions by the defendants have been made before United States District Judge GEORGE W. WHITEHURST with regard to the perjury indictments in this case.

According to [redacted], the defendants are questioning the jurisdiction of the Federal Grand Jury and particularly as to the materiality of the allegations of perjury. The defense is arguing that the actions referred to in the indictment, i. e., the acts of violence on the part of the Klan, are not matters over which the Federal Government has authority (matters within state jurisdiction), therefore the Federal Grand Jury could not indict anyone for these acts and the alleged perjury was not material.

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Judge WHITEHURST has not as yet given his ruling on the motions.

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The Bureau will be kept advised in this matter.

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*Discussed with [redacted] who is attorney
[redacted] Attorney
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MIAMI**

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 10/28/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/8/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] TEM:cbs
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Orlando, Fla., advised he [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
furnished to the Federal Grand Jury in Miami, Fla., when subpoenaed to testify. According to [REDACTED] now 95 per cent recovered.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Special Assistant to the Attorney General [REDACTED] requested that [REDACTED], Orlando physician, be interviewed regarding the statement which [REDACTED] had furnished to [REDACTED] and which [REDACTED] had furnished to the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, after [REDACTED] had been subpoenaed as a witness. [REDACTED] stated that inasmuch as [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had a broken leg [REDACTED] was requesting that [REDACTED] be interviewed as to when the injury occurred, circumstances of the injury, and the percentage of recovery as well as when [REDACTED] would be physically able to appear before the Grand Jury. [REDACTED] stated that he was interested in determining whether or not the certificate furnished by [REDACTED] were bonafide and [REDACTED] had legitimate reasons for not appearing before the Grand Jury.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [redacted]:

AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

On October 8, 1953, [redacted] advised that he had attended [redacted] for a fractured right leg. According to [redacted] fractured his right leg on May 18, 1953, by stepping into a hole following his dismounting of his horse. After the accident, [redacted] was sent to the hospital by [redacted] for examination which reflected that [redacted] had suffered a fracture of the distal one-third of the right fibulla complicated by torn ligaments in the right ankle. [redacted] further stated that a cast was placed on [redacted] leg and remained there from May 18, 1953, until June 23, 1953. He stated that during this period [redacted] was under treatment of diathermy from June 23, 1953, until August 27, 1953. He was discharged at the latter date.

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According to [redacted] has made a 95 per cent recovery and his injury is only evident by a slight limp. [redacted] stated that he recalled writing a letter for [redacted] regarding the latter's appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in Miami, Florida, and at that time [redacted] was under therapy treatment and [redacted] stated that it was his opinion that [redacted] could not or should not undergo any travel while he was receiving the therapy treatment. He stated that he is of the opinion that [redacted] has sufficiently recovered that he would be physically able to appear before the Grand Jury if he should be subpoenaed in the future.

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THE MIAMI DIVISION:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent
at Miami.

dated September 25, 1953,

Assistant Attorney General

November 16, 1953

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS
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(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated September 18, 1953, which advised as to the current status of captioned matter, and to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 26, 1953, at Miami regarding returning of indictments against T. J. McMennamy, William J. Bogar, Harvey S. Reisner, Ernest Glen Morton, Robert L. Judah, and Emmet M. Hart, Sr. for perjury.

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Recent information received from our Miami Division reflects that the above individuals are being represented by Attorney [redacted] a former State Senator from Jacksonville, Florida, and a former leader in the Ku Klux Klan in that area. [redacted] has filed motion to dismiss the above perjury indictments contending that the acts of violence in question were State crimes as distinguished from Federal crimes; that the Federal Grand Jury had no jurisdiction to inquire into these State crimes and that consequently any answers made by the defendant regarding these acts of violence were immaterial.

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Oral arguments have been heard by Federal Judge George W. Whitehurst and briefs have been filed by both sides. On November 3, 1953, Judge Whitehurst advised Special Assistant to the Attorney [redacted] that he wanted to make a very careful study of the legal questions involved and that it would possibly be another 30 days before he would rule on the motions.

This matter is being closely followed and you will be advised of all developments.

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December 28, 1953

Director, FBI

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(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated November 16, 1953.

Recent information received from our Miami Division reflects that United States District Court Judge George W. Whitehurst has not as yet arrived at a decision regarding the motions filed by Attorney [redacted] for dismissal of perjury indictments currently outstanding against Bogar, McMennarny, Judah, Reisner, Hart, and Morton.

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As soon as the above information is received, you will be advised.

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 USA'S OFFICE ADVISED NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN THIS CAN BE EXPECTED
 FROM JUDGE WHITEHURST.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) -
 VICTIMS, CR. US DISTRICT JUDGE GEORGE W. WHITEHURST ON
 TWELVE THIRTY LAST GRANTED A MOTION TO QUASH INDICTMENT
 AGAINST [REDACTED]. INASMUCH AS OTHER INDICTMENTS
 AGAINST ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS INVOLVE SAME LEGAL QUESTIONS,
 IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOTIONS TO QUASH THESE INDICTMENTS
 WILL BE GRANTED IN FUTURE.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *FR*

DATE: January 5, 1954

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SUBJECT: THE FLORIDA BOMBING CASES
CIVIL RIGHTS

HARRY T. MOORE

Between 9/22/51 and 12/9/51, there were a number of bombings and attempted bombings of Jewish temples, schools and centers, a Catholic Church, and a housing center in Miami, Florida. Preliminary investigation conducted in each instance. On 12/28/51, following the dynamite murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, Mims, Florida, the then Attorney General, Howard McGrath, requested a full investigation of this and related cases to determine persons responsible. He stated question of jurisdiction would be settled when investigation completed. Extensive investigation conducted and on 10/6/52, a special Federal Grand Jury was impaneled to hear the evidence developed. Five individuals were indicted for violation of Section 1001, Title 18, in making false statements and seven individuals were indicted for perjury.

Of the five individuals indicted for making false statements, two individuals were found guilty. Indictments were dismissed against two others as Judge Whitehurst ruled the individuals were under no compulsion to make statements to Bureau Agents and therefore, any false statements made were not material. The other individual is still a fugitive.

On December 30, 1953, Judge Whitehurst granted a motion to quash the indictment in the first perjury case. The defense contended that any acts of violence were state crimes and therefore the Federal Grand Jury had no jurisdiction to inquire into these matters, thus any false statements to the grand jury were not material. Six of the persons indicted for perjury were represented [redacted] and it is anticipated that similar motions which have been filed will be granted resulting in the indictments being quashed.

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Assistant Attorney General
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January 8, 1954

Director, FBI

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(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated December 28, 1953.

Attached for your information are Photostats of articles that appeared in the December 31 issues of "The Miami Daily News" and "The Miami Herald" as well as a Photostat of an article appearing in the December 30 issue of "The Miami Daily News."

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Judge Scuttles Trial Of Former Klansmen

Grand Jury Off Limits In Probe

Cases of 5 Others
Due to Be Dropped

By DAVID KRASLOW
Herald Staff Writer

A federal grand jury investigation of racial terrorism and bombings in Florida was virtually wrecked Wednesday by a ruling of Federal Judge George W. Whitehurst.

He threw out of court a perjury indictment against Harvey S. Reisner, 30, former head of a Ku Klux Klan klavern in the Central Florida city of Apopka.

The judge is expected to take similar action in the cases involving five other former Central Florida Kluxers and Mrs. Helen Russell, 743 NW 63rd st., one-time civic leader in Edison Center. All were indicted by the same grand jury on perjury charges.

The question of law involved in these cases is the same which the judge considered in the Reisner matter.

An order filed here Wednesday merely stated that Judge Whitehurst had granted Reisner's motion to quash the indictment.

It is obvious, however, the judge found that the grand jury had no jurisdiction to investigate the acts about which the suspects allegedly lied.

And, since there was no jurisdiction, even if they did lie, it was not material enough to warrant a perjury charge.

Reisner was accused of lying when he denied under oath in testimony before the grand jury that he had participated in several floggings about two or three years ago.

The other five ex-Klansmen are William J. Bogar, 54, former head of the Apopka klavern; T. J. McMennamy, 25, and Emmet M. Hart, 30, members of the Apopka klavern; Robert L. Judah, 31, member of the Winter Garden klavern; and Ernest Glen Morton, 29, of Apopka.

Mrs. Russell was indicted in December, 1952, and the other six in June, 1953.

Mrs. Russell allegedly lied when she denied meeting with a committee of Klansmen to "discuss ways and means of preventing Negroes from moving into Carver Village."

She lied, too, the indictment charged, when she swore she didn't request "the assistance of the Klan or any of its members in handling the situation" the Negro housing development in Edison Center.

Among the incidents precipitating the grand jury probe, which began in October, 1952, were several dynamitings at Carver Village in the late summer and fall of 1951.

Bogar was charged with lying about his participation in an attempted abduction of two Negro lawyers and two Negro newspapermen near Mt. Dora in August, 1949, after a rape trial at Tavares.

Other terroristic acts were alleged against the remainder in the indictments.

Judge Whitehurst took under advisement motions to dismiss in the six Central Florida cases before leaving for a court session in Tampa early in November.

He made his finding in the Reisner case upon returning to Miami Wednesday for a one-day visit. He is expected to make a ruling in the other cases Monday in Tampa.

Government officials pointed out that the indictments against the ex-Klaxers and Mrs. Russell are identical for the most part, and a dismissal of one on a question of law would necessarily apply to all.

The grand jury, headed by Hugh F. Purvis, Miami accountant, is scheduled to go out of existence next month.

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THE MIAMI HERALD
 MIAMI, FLORIDA
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Klan Case Ruling Appeal Is Weighed

Long months of work by a federal grand jury investigating terrorism of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida appeared wasted today in the wake of an adverse ruling by Federal Judge George W. Whitehurst.

The judge threw out a perjury indictment against Harvey S. Reisner, 30, former head of a Klan group at Apopka in central Florida, and in doing so paved the way to drop similar cases against five other persons indicted by the grand jury.

U. S. Attorney James Guilmarin said he would confer with Justice Department officials to determine if a government appeal will be made of Judge Whitehurst's ruling.

In addition to the Klansmen's indictments, the ruling also would drop an indictment against Mrs. Helen Russell, who was accused of lying about her dealings with area Klansmen.

Judge Whitehurst's dismissal of the case against Reisner was contained in a briefly worded order granting a defense motion to quash the charges.

The indictment against Reisner, returned by a federal grand jury on June 3, charged him with lying about his participation while a member of the Apopka Klavern of the Klan in the flogging of two Apopka residents, identified as Albert Boykin and Ivan Eilbeck, in the summer of 1950.

Judge Whitehurst failed to add a legal opinion outlining his reasons for dismissing the Reisner indictment. He merely noted that "all affected parties" had been heard, and granted Waybright's motion to quash the case.

Federal Court quarters, however, were inclined to take the view the judge had followed the line of reasoning set forth by

the Jacksonville attorney Edgar Waybright, in arguing his dismissal motion in June.

At that time, Waybright based his attack on the indictments on the factor that the state courts rather than the Federal Court had jurisdiction over such acts of terrorism as were alleged, even if the evidence should support the allegations.

Hence, Waybright contended, since the matters at issue were outside Federal control, the alleged perjury about them, if it did occur, provided no material basis for such charges as had been preferred by the grand jury.

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JUDGE FREES FIRST OF SIX IN KLAN CASE

Judge George W. Whitehurst late today dismissed a perjury charge against the first of six reputed members of the Ku Klux Klan in Central Florida accused of lying to a Miami Federal Grand Jury.

The action was taken on a motion filed in behalf of Harvey S. Reisner, 30, of Apopka, reputedly Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern of the Klan in 1952.

Five others identified as former members of the Klan in Apopka or Wunter Garden, are awaiting action on similar motions filed for them by Defense Counsel Edgar W. Waybright, former state senator of Jacksonville.

They include William J. Bogar, owner of a garage and service station, T. J. McMennany, a grocer; Emmet Hart and Ernest Glen Morton, all of Apopka, and Robert L. Judah, truck driver of Winter Garden.

Judge Whitehurst, here on a visit from Tampa, where he is currently holding court, said he would not rule at this time on the other cases.

Indictments against the six were returned by a grand jury headed by Hugh S. Purvis, Miami accountant, in the course of a year-long investigation of terrorist bombings and other acts of terrorism here and in Central Florida in 1950 and 1951.

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HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated January 8, 1954.

Recent information received from our Miami Division reflects that United States District Judge George W. Whitehurst on January 11, last, at Jacksonville, Florida, granted a motion to quash the indictments outstanding against William J. Bogar, T. J. McMennary, Robert L. Judah, Emmet M. Hart and Ernest Glen Morton. It will be recalled that this motion was filed by the defendants on June 19, 1953.

You will be advised as to all further developments.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR (44-4118)

UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS,
 RE MIAMI AIRTEL 12/31/53. U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE GEORGE W. WHITEHURST
 ON 1/11/54 AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., GRANTED A MOTION TO QUASH INDICT-
 MENTS AGAINST BOGAR, McMENNANY, JUDAH, HART AND MORTON. THIS MOTION
 HAD BEEN MADE BY DEFENDANTS ON 6/19/53. ORDER QUASH INDICTMENTS
 ISSUED 1/11/54.

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Dear [Redacted]:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 8, 1954, together with the attached resolution passed at the second Harry T. Moore Memorial meeting held by the Miami Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on January 20, 1954, at Miami, Florida.

This material has been made a matter of record in connection with the investigation conducted by this Bureau. I have also taken the liberty of furnishing a copy of your letter and a copy of the resolution to Assistant Attorney General [Redacted] of the Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: 1 - Assistant Attorney General
[Redacted]
1 - SAC, Miami (44-270)

NOTE: A check of the indices failed to reflect any information which could be identified as being identical with any of the following individuals:

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Miami Branch

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE

1018 N. W. 2nd Avenue Miami 36, Florida

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February 8, 1954

Mr. G. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

MRS Harry T Moore

I am enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed at our
2nd Harry T. Moore Memorial Meeting, held on Jan. 20th,
1954, at Miami, Fla. We earnestly request that you take
under advisement the matter contained in the Resolution.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Miami Branch. NAACP

by [Redacted]

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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Field Division

February 1, 1954

Date

Title and Character of Case: UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE,
HARRIET MOORE - Victims
CIVIL RIGHTS

Date Property Acquired:

December 27, 1951; December 30, 1951;
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Source From Which Property Acquired:

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet, Miami Office

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Final disposition has not been made
of this case yet; therefore, instruc-
tions of S.A.A.G.
are being followed to hold this evidence.

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

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FRANK MEECH, W. W. BURKE (ASAC)

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ENCLOSURE

R E S O L U T I O N

TO: PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
WASHINGTON D.C.

Attorney-General Herbert Brew^Nell
Washington, D. C.

G. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

The Honorable Charley Johns
Governor of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida.

WHEREAS the Miami Branch of the National Association
For the Advancement of Colored People at its 2nd HARRY T. MOORE
MEMORIAL MEETING, held on Jan. 20th, 1954, at Miami, Florida, has
been obliged to note and take an accounting of the status of Negroes
in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS the murderers of MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE
have gone unpunished, and the instigators of terrorism and other
bombings are also undetected; and

WHEREAS the investigations of the F.B.I. and the
Federal Grand Jury only resulted in ineffective indictments for
perjury, said indictments being dismissed by the Judge of the
Federal District Court; and

WHEREAS the failure of your investigative bodies to
uncover the instigators of such crimes has led to a vast growth
of disrespect and disbelief by different groups of citizens of
this State; namely, peace officers and the Negro citizens of this
State; in that, since the commission of the above crimes, peace
officers of this State have shot and killed Negroes for allegedly
committing crimes that were not considered felonies; that such acts
have been termed acts of murder, or "legal lynching" by inpar-

insofar as Negro citizens of this State are concerned. That Negro
citizens therefore have a logical disbelief in the rights assured
them by the Constitution and the amendments thereof, that insofar
as justice is concerned in Florida, it is a white man's justice,
for white men's use only; and

WHEREAS the continuing threat of intimidation and
coercion, not only by the Klan elements left unpunished for their

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participation in the Moore bombing, but from legally constituted peace officers of the State of Florida, who are disrespectful of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and who are buttressed by the precedent of totally ineffective enforcement of the Negroes' rights in all of these recent cases, is breaking down the efforts of men of goodwill who are attempting to build goodwill and racial harmony in the South;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That the President of the United States appoint a legislative committee to study and propose legislative measures directed towards strengthening existing civil rights laws, and that new civil rights laws be proposed that will effectively enforce the rights guaranteed in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

That Attorney-General Brownell authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation to re-open the investigation of the aforementioned cases in this State along with a further investigation and study for the purposes of providing new legislation, as well as finding new evidence for the purposes of prosecutions. And that such matters be put before a Federal Grand Jury for their recommendations.

That Governor Johns is hereby urged to make automatic the suspension of any State peace officer who is involved in the violation of the Civil Rights of any citizen, and who takes the life of any citizen without due cause or justification.

That Governor Johns order the immediate investigation into the background and records of these State peace officers who are empowered to make arrests in the State of Florida, that in particular, State beverage officers are men who have been found unfit for public office by other agencies of the State, and officers have intimidated and coerced Negro citizens of Dade County Florida.

That Governor Johns cooperate with Federal and local officials in any attempt towards the goal of providing equal justice for all citizens of Florida, regardless of race, color or religion.

Respectfully submitted,
THE MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

By

Theo. R. Gibson
Theo. R. Gibson, President

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Assistant Attorney General

[Redacted]

February 15, 1954

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)

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Attached is a copy of a letter dated February 8, 1954, received from [Redacted] of the Miami Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People regarding captioned matter. ^{together with a} also enclosed a copy of a resolution passed by that organization at its second Harry T. Moore Memorial meeting ^{copy of} held on January 20, 1954, at Miami, Florida. ^{our} ^{reply}

This material is being furnished merely for your information.

Attachment

cc: 1 - SAC, Miami

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Assistant Attorney General

March 31, 1954

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(Your reference 144-18-205 MWH)

Information has been received from our Savannah Division to the effect that subject [redacted] appeared in United States District Court at Aiken, South Carolina, on March 23, 1954, before Judge George Bell Timmerman. The subject entered a plea of nolo contendere to the indictment returned during October of 1953 charging him with violation of Title 18, Section 1001, United States Code. The subject was sentenced on the same day by Judge Timmerman to one year in custody of the Attorney General and a fine of \$100. The sentence was suspended and Bell was placed on three years probation.

Further details will be furnished subsequent to their receipt by this Bureau.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR - TEL

CLARENCE B. BELL, WA., FAG. REBUAIRTEL 3/25/54. ON 3/23/54 IN USDC,
AIKEN, S. C.; EDSC, BEFORE JUDGE GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN SUBJECT ENTERED
PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE TO INDICTMENT RETURNED 10/53 CHARGING VIOLATION
TITLE 18, SECTION 1001, USC. BELL ON SAME DATE SENTENCED BY JUDGE
TIMMERMAN TO ONE YEAR CUSTODY OF AG AND FINE OF \$100.00; THIS SENTENCE
SUSPENDED AND BELL PLACED ON THREE YEARS PROBATION. REPORT FOLLOWS.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: May 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE;
HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Miami air-tel to Director dated 1/13/54.

AUSA [redacted] filed a motion before U. S. District Judge GEORGE W. WHITEHURST, at Miami, Florida, on January 19, 1954, for a re-hearing on the motion quashing the indictment against BOGAR, McMENNANY, JUDAH, HART, REISNER, and MORTON, an order having been issued by Judge WHITEHURST to quash the indictments on January 11, 1954.

As yet Judge WHITEHURST has not given his opinion regarding the motion filed by AUSA [redacted] on January 19, 1954.

USA JAMES L. GUILMARTIN has advised that the Department has instructed him to effect an appeal in this matter. However, Mr. GUILMARTIN stated that an appeal cannot be effected in this matter until Judge WHITEHURST has ruled on the motion made by AUSA [redacted]. Mr. GUILMARTIN stated that if Judge WHITEHURST does not rule on the matter within the next thirty days Mr. GUILMARTIN is going to bring the matter to Judge WHITEHURST's attention. The Bureau will be kept advised.

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FLORIDA/BOMBING CASES
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-18-193, MWH)

Our Miami Office has advised that on June 25, 1954, Judge George W. Whitehurst of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida denied a motion submitted by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] for a rehearing on the motion to quash the indictments against Bogar, McMennamy, Judah, Hart, Reisner, and Norton.

United States Attorney James L. Guilmartin is instituting an appeal in this matter to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The above is submitted for your information and you will be advised of the action taken in this matter by the Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: July 1, 1954

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE
(deceased) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

U. S. District Judge GEORGE W. WHITEHURST on June 25, 1954, denied a motion submitted by Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] for a rehearing on Judge WHITEHURST's motion quashing the indictments against BOGAR, McMENNAMY, JUDAH, HART, REISNER and MORTON of January 11, 1954.

As the Bureau has been advised, U. S. Attorney JAMES L. GUILMARTIN is instituting an appeal in this matter to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In view of the period of time which is expected to elapse before this appeal is completed, this matter is being placed in a Pending Inactive status in the Miami Office for four months.

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U. S. Will Appeal Ruling Over Klan

The way was paved today for a government appeal from Federal Judge George W. Whitehurst's dismissal of perjury indictments against six reputed members of the Klu Klux Klan in Central Florida.

After reviewing his ruling of Jan. 13, Judge Whitehurst denied a motion submitted by Assistant U. S. Attorney E. David Rosen for a rehearing in the case.

U. S. Attorney James L. Guilmartin announced afterwards that "the government expects to appeal this promptly to the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans."

The perjury indictments were the outgrowth of a prolonged investigation by a federal grand jury into a wave of dynamitings and acts of violence here and in central Florida during 1950 and 1951.

The six accused, charged with perjury in their testimony before the grand jury, included Harvey S. Reisner, former head of a Klan group in Apopka; William J. Bogar, T. J. McMennany, Emmet M. Hart Sr., and Ernest Glen Morton, reputed members of the Apopka gang and Robert L. Judah, reputed Winter Garden Klansman.

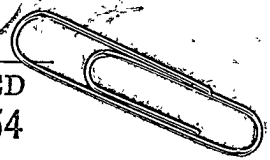
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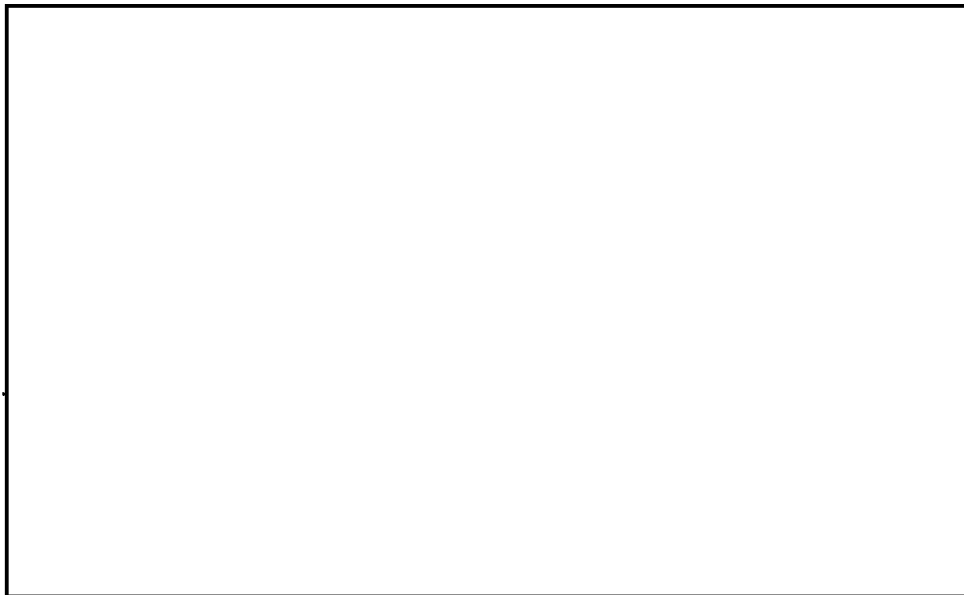
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 TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)
 FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT MOORE
 (Deceased) - VICTIMS;
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DATE: May 19, 1955

Re Laboratory reports dated 12/29/51 and 1/15/52.

The Miami Office is maintaining the following items as bulky exhibits:



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The above-listed items were obtained during the investigation in this case, and are of questionable value as evidence or for investigative purposes in establishing the identity of the person or persons responsible for the killing of the victims. As will be recalled, a Federal Grand Jury at Miami, during May and June, 1953, inquired into the death of victims. The Jury was under the direction of SAAG [redacted] [redacted]. Indictments were returned charging six Klansmen

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with perjury, but these indictments were dismissed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. By memorandum dated September 2, 1954, [redacted] Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division advised the Director that the Solicitor General had decided that no appeal would be taken from the action of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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At the conclusion of the Grand Jury action, [redacted] was questioned as to the disposition of the above-listed items as well as copies of the testimony taken in the proceedings, and which had been furnished to the Miami Office by [redacted]. With regard to the above-listed items, [redacted] stated that they should be retained, as final decision had not been made as far as any prosecution was concerned. At that time, the perjury indictments were still outstanding. It would appear that final decision in this matter rests with the Department.

It is requested that inquiry be made of the Department as to the disposition of the items, as well as the copies of the Grand Jury testimony. It appears that this may be the appropriate time to ascertain if any further action is to be taken in this case in order that the Bureau's responsibilities may be concluded.

Assistant Attorney General

May 25, 1955

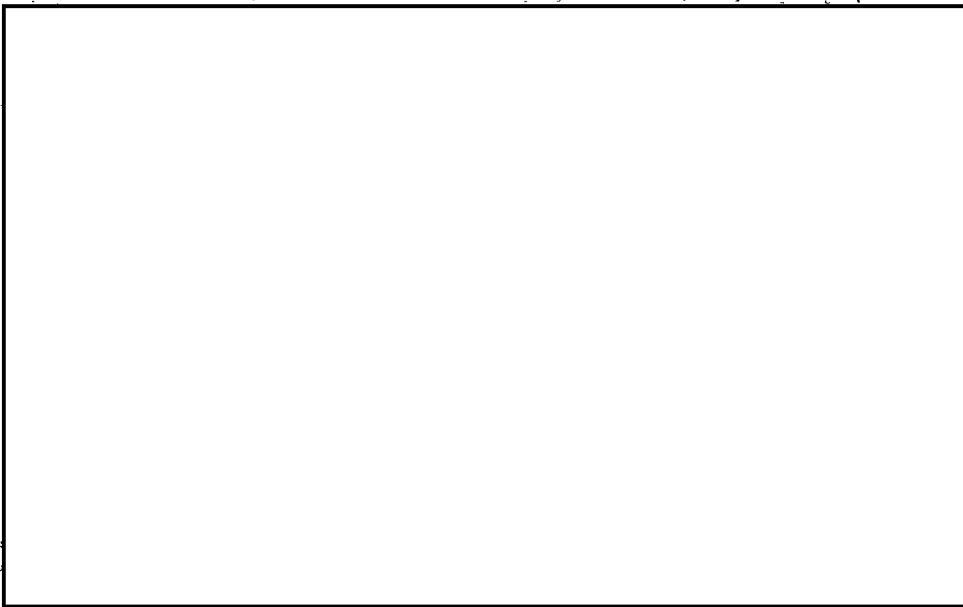
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During the course of investigation in this case, the Miami Office of this Bureau obtained the following items as evidence:



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It is noted that during May and June of 1953, the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, inquired into the death of the victims. The grand jury returned indictments against six individuals charging them with perjury. These indictments were later dismissed by the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. It is further noted that the Solicitor General advised that no appeal would be taken on the action of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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Upon the completion of the grand jury action in this case, the above-described items of evidence were mentioned to Special Assistant to the Attorney General [redacted] advised that the items should be retained as a final decision had not been made so far as prosecutive action is concerned.

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It is requested that you advise whether or not any further action is to be taken in this matter so that appropriate disposition can be made of the above-described items. It should be noted that inasmuch as the victims died as a result of the bombing of their home on Christmas night, 1951, the items could be made available to the appropriate state authorities for possible use as evidence in the event the subjects are identified at a later date.

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Field Division

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Date

Title and Character of Case: UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE
HARRIET MOORE - Victims
CIVIL RIGHTS

Date Property Acquired: December 27, 1951; December 30, 1951;
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Source From Which Property Acquired: Search of

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Bulky exhibit Cabinet, Miami Office

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Final disposition has not been made of this case yet; therefore, instructions of S.A.A.G. are being followed to hold this evidence.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:



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January 25, 1955

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There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum dated 1/19/55, which was received by the Bureau from the Criminal Division. There is also transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated 1/19/55, from the Criminal Division to United States Attorney James L. Guilmartin authorizing Mr. Guilmartin to dismiss the indictment outstanding in this matter.

You should check the records of the District Court and advise the Bureau when the indictment in this matter has been dismissed.

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The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 19, 1955.
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[Redacted] Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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United States v. Simon Smith Manning
(Florida Bombing Case)
Case No. 803-Orl. Cr.
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HARRY T. MOORE

We are enclosing herewith a copy of our letter to
United States Attorney James L. Guilmarin at Miami, Florida,
authorizing the dismissal of the indictment in the above
matter.

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144-18-205

January 19, 1955

James L. Guilmartin, Esquire
United States Attorney
Miami, Florida

Attn: [REDACTED], Esquire
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Re: United States v. Simon Smith Manning
Case No. 803-Orl. Cr.
FBI File No. 46-837

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Dear Mr. Guilmartin:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 6, 1955 in which, for the reasons therein stated, you request authority to dismiss both counts of the indictment in the above matter.

Upon receipt of your letter, we submitted the matter to [REDACTED] who conducted the grand jury inquiry which resulted in the indictment, for his views. As you will note from the enclosed copy of [REDACTED] memorandum, he is in accord with your recommendation. Under the circumstances we concur, and you are authorized to dismiss both counts of the indictment when the matter is set for trial or at your discretion.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By: [REDACTED]
Chief, Civil Rights Section

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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MIAMI

Field Division

July 31, 1954

Date

Title and Character of Case: UNSUBS; HARRY T. MOORE
HARRIET MOORE - Victims
CIVIL RIGHTS

Date Property Acquired: December 27, 1951; December 30, 1951;
January 1, 1952

Source From Which Property Acquired: Search of

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Bulky Exhibit Cabinet, Miami Office

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Final disposition has not been made of this case yet; therefore, instructions of S.A.A.G. are being followed to hold this evidence.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

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SAC, Miami (44-270)

June 9, 1955

Director, FBI (44-4118)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Criminal Division dated June 7, 1955.

You are to immediately contact the United States Attorney and ascertain whether or not he agrees with the views expressed by the Criminal Division.

You are to advise the Bureau of the opinion of the United States Attorney in this matter, and of the disposition made of the items being held by your office as bulky exhibits.

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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 7, 1955

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FROM : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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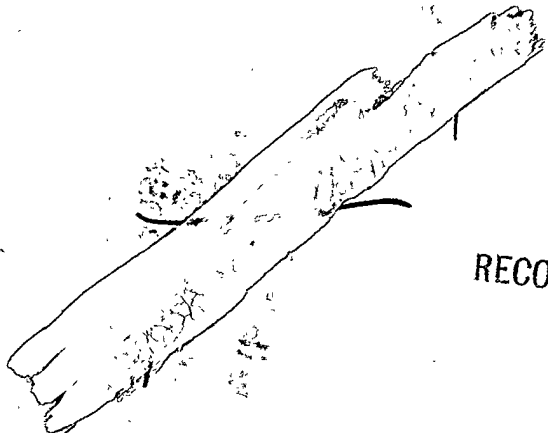
SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;
Harry T. Moore, et al. - Victims
Civil Rights

Reference is made to your memorandum of May 25, 1955. *mcc 7-1*

You request advice as to whether any further action is to be taken in the matter so that the items set out in the memorandum can be appropriately disposed of.

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Federal prosecution in this matter would seem to be barred by the statute of limitations. Therefore, the items, if the United States Attorney agrees, may be turned over to the State authorities for possible use in the event that the subjects are later identified.



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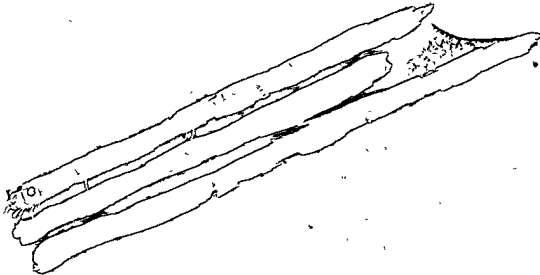
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June 23, 1955

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Mr. J. E. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

HARRY T. MOORE

I am sending this tip to you in hopes that it will throw some light on the H. T. Moore bombing case that took place in Mims, Florida December 25, 1952.

I have good reason to believe that Alvin S. Higgenbotham, now deceased, took an important part in this crime. While he may have had no personal interest in this, it is my impression that he was hired to do the job. Also if you will go into his army record I believe that you will find that he was expertly trained in handling explosives. I understand that Moore caused much agitation among the colored grove workers in and around this area. Higgenbotham was a native of this area and had many friends and relatives here

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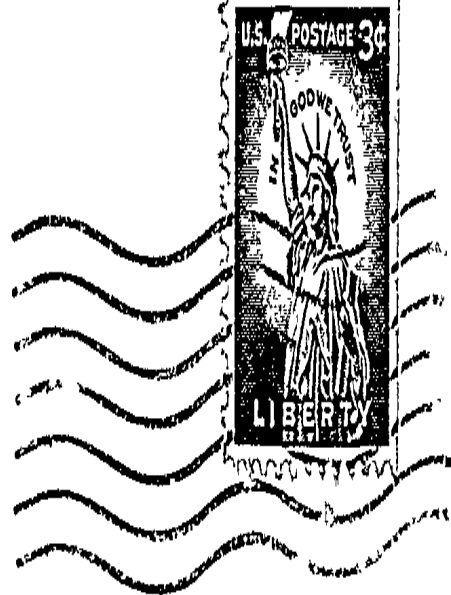
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington D. C.

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Assistant Attorney General

July 29, 1955

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
HARRY T. MOORE, et al.; - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-18-205, MWH)
(Bureau file No. 44-4118)

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 7, 1955, advising that items retained as evidence by the Miami Office of this Bureau might be turned over to the state authorities for possible use in the event the subjects are identified at a later date, provided the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida agreed.

United States Attorney James L. Guilmartin was contacted and stated that he believed the items being held as evidence should be turned over to state authorities. On July 14, 1955, the items were turned over to Mr. H. T. Williams, Sheriff, Brevard County, Florida. Sheriff Williams indicated that the items would be retained for whatever use they might be at some future date.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: July 22, 1955

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; ^O
HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL, VICTIMS;
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ReBulet to Miami ^{JUNE} July 9, 1955.

On June 15, 1955, United States Attorney JAMES L. GUILMARTIN stated that he agreed with the Department in that the items which were being held as evidence should be turned over to State authorities for possible use in the event the subjects should later be identified.

On July 14, 1955, the items were turned over to Mr. H. T. WILLIAMS, Sheriff of Brevard County, Florida. Sheriff WILLIAMS indicated that the items would be retained by him for whatever use they might be at some future date.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the Miami Office pending receipt from the Bureau of the Department's decision as to its disposition.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. 7/26/55 AIR-TEL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, MIAMI (46-923) (AIRMAIL)

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HARRY T. MOORE

Information received that Supreme Court denied certiorari in this matter on 5/9/55. You should check with the U.S. Attorney to determine status of this case and to determine if USA Guilmartin has been contacted by the subject's attorney or whether USA desires contact to be made with the subject. Advise Bureau of results of your contact with USA.

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cc: Miami File 44-256

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NOTE: Information regarding action by Supreme Court obtained through [Redacted] in the Legislative Unit of the Administrative Unit on 7/26/55.
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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE 9/21/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/16/55	REPORT MADE BY TEM: iac
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: USA, Miami, advised he has closed this case in his office inasmuch as the statute of limitations has run and in addition investigation in this case did not develop any evidence showing a violation of the victims' civil rights.

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DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

On September 16, 1955, United States Attorney JAMES L. GUILMARTIN advised that he has closed this case in his office, effective as of August 19, 1955. Mr. GUILMARTIN stated he has closed this case in his office inasmuch as the statute of limitations has run and in addition investigation in this case did not develop any evidence to show violations of the victims' civil rights.

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Bureau letter to Miami dated June 9, 1955.

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Assistant Attorney General

August 17, 1955

Director, FBI

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CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-18-193)

Harry T. Moore

Reference is made to my memorandum of
April 6, 1955.

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In view of the fact that the Supreme Court has denied certiorari in this matter United States Attorney James L. Gullmartin was contacted and he advised that he has had no further contacts from the attorneys of [redacted] and knows of no reason why [redacted] should not now be interviewed. [redacted] was committed to the Dade County Jail on July 5, 1955, where he is now serving a ninety-day sentence previously imposed in connection with this matter.

[redacted] will be interviewed and you will be furnished the results thereof when received.

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Advise Bureau of results of your contact with
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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: **October 14 1955**

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FROM : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;
Harry T. Moore, et al. - Victims
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Reference is made to your memorandum of September 30, 1955, with the report of Special Agent attached.

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No further investigation is desired.

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SEE FILE 66-2554-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

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SUBJECT JUNE MAIL Danny T. Moore

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December 7, 1955

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The Church of All Nations
and Neighborhood House
9 Second Avenue
New York 9, New York

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Dear [Redacted],

Your letter dated December 1, 1955, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI is the investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice. It is responsible, based on instructions issued by the Attorney General, for investigating allegations of violations of the laws of the United States. If a complaint has been received indicating a violation of the Civil Rights statutes, the FBI conducts a preliminary inquiry. The results are then immediately furnished the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. If the Department of Justice requests a full investigation, this is conducted and the results are furnished to it.

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If you have reference to the Harry Moore case in Florida, the FBI did conduct a full investigation into this matter and the results were furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. *DECLASSIFIED BY SP1 CLK/H5JR ON 2/17/01*

In the event the second case you mentioned is the matter involving [Redacted] of Belzoni, Mississippi, the FBI conducted a full investigation and also furnished the results of this investigation to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York, with copy of [Redacted] reporting. Urfile 105-12286
NOTE: Bufile 105-36337 reflects that [Redacted] is the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation. New York office of Oregon. This case was closed in September, 1955; however, [Redacted] was reportedly active in and associated with several organizations cited by the

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Attorney General and the HCUA. In spite of the derogatory information on [REDACTED] in our files, it is felt that the above letter should be sent to [REDACTED] to set him straight re our position in the Moore and [REDACTED] cases.

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THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

9 SECOND AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y.
Church GR. 7-4155 - New York, OR Sec. 1199

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
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Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

December 1, 1955

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J Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

In so many ways your name and Department have meant courageous defense of justice and right. Your work has been synonymous with courage.

Now, however, when both justice is suffering and great courage is needed your work is extremely ineffective. I refer to the crimes committed against Negroes in our beloved United States.

What ever happed in your investigations (if they really are investigations) of the man whose home was bombed in Florida?

A man in Mississippi believed the Constitution which you are sworn to uphold. This man thought he had the right to vote. Your men reportedly spend a few days or hours, and nothing happens. He was shot twice by known enemies. But justice fails him.

Sir, when American justice fails for one of us, it fails for all of us.

I and you are victims of brutal crimes against Negroes who believe in the American way. And we are also the guilty.

In the name of Christian decency I beg you to enforce law everywhere, and be more vigilant in its defense.

Sincerely yours,

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SUBJECT JUNE MAIL Harry J. Moore

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Date: 11/30/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, TAMPA (174-N29) (C)
Subject: UNSUB; Bombing of Residence,
Mims, Fla., 12/25/51
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM
 BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

Att.: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

Agency OSI, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date DEC 3 1965

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, and two copies FD-376.

Copies of this LHM being furnished INTC, Orlando, Fla.; OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.; ONI, Charleston, S. C. and Secret Service, Jacksonville.

On 11/17/65, Miami advised that they have no record of the [redacted] brothers. Miami had previously furnished pertinent reports prepared following the bombing.

The informant in this matter is [redacted] who furnished the info to SA [redacted]. It should be noted that on 7/29/65 it was learned that [redacted]

SA [redacted] is the Agent who contacted Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted]

1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8 & 10)
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
November 30, 1965

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE,
MIMS, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 25, 1951
HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIMS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla.

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. TP 174-29

Post Office Box 3301
Tampa, Florida 33601
November 30, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING
OF RESIDENCE, MIMS, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 25, 1951
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM

At about 10:30 p.m., December 25, 1951 an explosive charge was detonated under the home of HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE, Mims, Florida killing Mr. MOORE and mortally wounding Mrs. MOORE.

Extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1951 to 1955 failed to identify the unknown subject or subjects. The MOORE residence was located in an isolated area amid orange groves, and at the time of the explosion Mr. MOORE was employed as Field Secretary of the Florida Chapter of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

During the course of the investigation his mother, Mrs. ROSA A. MOORE, stated she believed that his work with the NAACP was responsible for his death. Prior to her death on January 3, 1952 Mrs. HARRIETT MOORE reported they had owned the house in Mims, Florida for twenty years, but had resided in Riviera Beach, Florida since 1948 returning to Mims only for holidays. She stated her husband spent most of his time traveling for the NAACP.

During the investigation Sergeant [redacted] Police Department, Daytona Beach, Florida reported that on or about November 23, 1951 the NAACP held a state convention in his city. At this convention some delegates wanted to oust Mr. MOORE from office because, "he had become too engrossed in politics to serve the good of the NAACP in recruiting new members".

On August 18, 1965 a confidential informant who was formerly associated with members of a Ku Klux Klan organization in Orlando, Florida, reported that about four years ago he was in the company of [redacted] and their younger brother, first name unknown. At that time the younger

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[redacted] brother stated that he was involved in or responsible for either bombing or burning out a NAACP official which resulted in the death of this Negro. To the best of the informant's recollection this [redacted] brother said the man who died was a doctor.

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This informant knew the four [redacted] brothers to be members of a Klan organization in or near Orlando, Florida, and knew the youngest brother to be employed as a long distance truck driver at the time he made this statement.

On July 23, 1965 [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on another official matter. During the interview [redacted] stated that about two weeks prior to the bombing of MOORE's residence he and [redacted] had talked with MOORE. According to [redacted] Mr. MOORE knew that someone was out to "get him". They were of the opinion at that time that it was Negroes who opposed MOORE in the Negro organization that MOORE represented.

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It should be noted that on September 16, 1955 United States Attorney JAMES L. GUILMARTIN, Miami, Florida advised he had closed this case in his office as of August 19, 1955. He stated the case had been closed inasmuch as the statute of limitations had run, and since investigation did not develop any evidence to show violations of the victims' civil rights.

On September 24, 1965 the above facts were discussed with Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted], Brevard County Sheriff's Department, Titusville, Florida by a Special Agent of the FBI. [redacted] recalled the incident since he was one of the first law enforcement officers on the scene, and stated the records of his Department contain no specific information concerning the matter. He has no record of the [redacted] and does not recall the name in connection with the investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 30, 1965
Tampa, Florida

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF RESIDENCE
MIMS, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 25, 1951
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

Contact with confidential informant mentioned in referenced
memorandum has been insufficient to judge the reliability of
his information.

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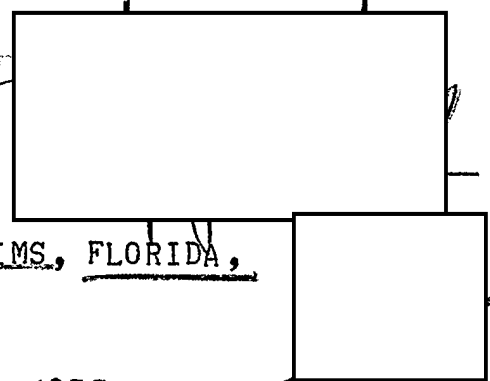
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UNSUB; KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE, MIMS, FLORIDA,
1951. CIVIL RIGHTS. (OO: TAMPA).

RE FORT PIERCE RA TELCONS TO BUREAU MARCH 2, 1978.

ON MARCH 2, 1978, TITUSVILLE RESIDENT [redacted]

W/M, DOB [redacted], AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, [redacted]

[redacted] SSAN [redacted], APPEARED AT FT. PIERCE,

FLA. R.A. IN COMPANY OF LOCAL NAACP REPRESENTATIVE [redacted]

[redacted] STATED HE WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE KKK AND CLAIMED

PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOMBING KILLINGS OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T.

MORRE IN MIMS, FLA., CIRCA, 1951.

[redacted] STATED HE RETURNED TO FT. PIERCE, FLA., ON A 30 14

CONVALESCENT LEAVE FROM OAK KNOLL NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIF.,

AND AGREED TO MAKE A BOMB DUE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF EXPLOSIVES

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OBTAINED WHILE IN U.S. MARINES. FORT PIERCE KLANSMAN GROUP
HEADED BY CURRENT ST. LUCIE COUNTY [REDACTED] (NA)
INCLUDED [REDACTED], CURRENT ST. LUCIE COUNTY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
PLANNED THE KILLING IN AN ORANGE GROVE OUTSIDE FT. PIERCE AND THEN
[REDACTED] THEN DROVE TO THE MIMS,
FLA. RESIDENCE OF HARRY T. MOORE. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] DREW
MORE AWAY ON A RUSE AND [REDACTED] SET THE BOMB UNDER THE
BED OF MOORE'S HOUSE. THE BOMB ALLEGEDLY WAS COMPOSED OF A
QUARTER STICK OF DYNAMITE, BLACK POWDER, MURATIC ACID, SULPHERIC
ACID, AND LIQUID SULPHER FOR A "POWDER" TRAIN.

[REDACTED] STATED HE IGNITED THE BOMB WHICH KILLED MOORE AND
HIS WIFE AND THE FT. PIERCE GROUP WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE THROUGH
BREVARD COUNTY THROUGH [REDACTED] FORMER BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF
DEPUTY. THE GROUP RETURNED TO FT. PIERCE AND HAD A FEW DRINKS
IN THE MARINE LOUNGE, FT. PIERCE HOTEL.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE WAS 100 PERCENT DISABLED, SUFFERING FROM
BONE CANCER AND SCHEDULED FOR LEG SURGERY AT THE VA HOSPITAL,
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., THE END OF THIS MONTH AND HAD ONLY 3 TO 4
MONTHS TO LIVE, AND WAS ALSO THE HOLDER OF THE METAL OF HONOR

FROM WWII.

RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] (NA) WAS BORN [REDACTED]
AND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN 12 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBING
ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] INSISTS [REDACTED] IS 5 TO 6 YEARS OLDER THAN HE.
UNABLE TO VERIFY ST. PETERSBURG VA HOSPITAL RECORDS RE [REDACTED] OR
METAL OF HONOR THROUGH RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

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ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BREVARD COUNTY SO PURSUANT
TO ^{Dist} BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS AND AS A RESULT ^{of} ~~OTHER~~ DISCREPANCIES
WERE NOTED IN [REDACTED] STORY.

[REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BREVARD COUNTY SO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TITUSVILLE, FLA., UPON HIS RETURN TOMORROW OR SATURDAY. ^{stay}

TAMPA ATTEMPT TO VERIFY MEDICAL INFORMATION RE [REDACTED]
AT BAY PINES VA HOSPITAL, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.; COCOA RA
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH BREVARD COUNTY SO.

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The Deputy Attorney General

August 16, 1971

Director, FBI 44-4118-

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT -

[Redacted]

Reference your memorandum of August 4th, with enclosure, captioned as above.

The investigations referred to by [Redacted] are all closed and are entitled, respectively, as follows:

[Redacted]

ERNEST THOMAS (DECEASED):

[Redacted]

CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

[Redacted]

VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE;
HARRIETT T. MOORE (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Copies of all pertinent reports in each of these investigations have been furnished to the Department.

For your additional information, [Redacted] may be identical with [Redacted] former official in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Assistant Attorney

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey
- 1 - M. A. Jones

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop memo dated 8/12/71, captioned [Redacted] Request of Department for Records Under Freedom of Information Act."

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The Deputy Attorney General
RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

General of the State of California, Special Assistant to the Director of the Peace Corps, and United States Ambassador to Ghana.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund reportedly was established in 1911 for the improvement of tenement housing in New York City and for the education of disadvantaged persons. In 1952 a witness, in testimony before a committee of the House of Representatives, stated that for a time prior to the divorce of [redacted] an alleged "Charter member of the party," communists obtained money from the Fund through [redacted]

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This Bureau strongly opposes making available documents from any of its investigations, particularly in the indiscriminate manner suggested by the far-ranging request submitted by [redacted]. To accede to such a request would set a dangerous precedent ultimately leading to a wholesale public rummage through FBI files. It would appear that the information requested by [redacted] is exempt from the provisions of the Act because it represents investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. Accordingly, it is recommended that [redacted] request be denied.

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TO : The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August

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FROM :
Deputy Attorney General *Reek
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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act -

A copy of a request submitted by is attached.

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Would you please give me your comments and recommendations regarding this request.

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*ACK M.A. Jones
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REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD
UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER Research Assistant	ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code) Phelps-Stokes Fund
DATE July 28, 1971	

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, SO INDICATE (no more than 10 copies of any document will be furnished).	NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED	OFFICE AND CITY WHERE RECORD IS LOCATED (if known)
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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (Include any information which may be helpful in locating record)
 Records of investigation begun in 1949 (September) after the defendants were arrested
 Records of investigation begun in 1951 (November) after both defendants were shot, one fatally, by Lake County, Florida, Sheriff Willis McCall
 Records of investigation begun in 1951 (December) or 1952 after assassination of Harry T. Moore in Mimms, Fla. [redacted] was then approached by the FBI for description of cars that had chased his in Sept. 1949, in effort to uncover Klan involvement.
 Names of Defendants: [redacted]

LITIGATION: DOES THIS REQUEST RELATE TO A MATTER IN PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION? YES NO

FILL IN IF IN PENDING LITIGATION	COURT (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL <input type="checkbox"/> STATE	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASE	DOCKET NUMBER
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THIS REQUEST IS:

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DENIED

A MINIMUM FEE OF \$3.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST. OTHER CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS. (do not write in this box)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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To: Bureau

From - Miami

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Immediate

Mr. + Mrs. Harry T. Moore

Hand carry to Mr. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

C.R. Dir.

Mims, FL

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FT Pierce, Florida
March 2, 1978

I, [redacted]

write the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents

with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises have been made to me and since the doctors at the Veterans Administration Hospital have told me I have only a short time to live, I want to get this off my conscience.

I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and am the recipient of the Medal of Honor as a result of military service in World War II on two times.

I hereby say this to clear my conscience and also to make the guilty pay for what they have done, it's been many years ago but I still want to tell the truth of what happened.

I returned to the Ft. Pierce area on [redacted] leave from [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] on 30 Bay Boulevard near Oak Hill and Hospital Oakland, Calif.

I was a member of the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

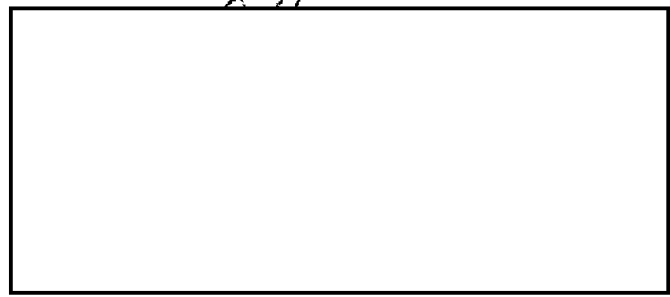
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SA, FBI, Miami, FLA. 3/2/81

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Place Phoenix, AZ
Date 5/2/78
Time 10:00 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have a lawyer with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

Witness

Witness

Time:

Witness

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Witness Name]

[Redacted Witness Name]

A. B. L. Thomas
SA, FBI, Phoenix, AZ

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I, [Redacted] while taking part in a KKK meeting in Ft. Pierce, a man named Moore was discussed. I knew about explosives and agreed to make...

... New York.
... the purchase ...
... [redacted] ...
... [redacted] ...
... [redacted] ...
... to Miami, Fla. to plant the bomb.
... (co-ord man) was a delay to get
... Moore from home on a case.

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I planted the bomb in Moore's bedroom
under his bed.

The explosion took place at 9:37 P.M.
and knocked down my bed.

[redacted] (Pescod County Sheriff)
... gave us clearance through the
... county.

Returned to Ft Pierce, all went to
... Lounge, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Ft. Pierce
... and had a few drinks.

This information I'm giving is because
... with my conscience any longer.
... suffering from incurable
... cancer.

Mar. 2, 1978

Ft. Pierce, Fla.

54 7th Miami Fl 3/2/78

[redacted]
[redacted]

SA, FBI, Miami, Fla. 3/2/78

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 3-6-78

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE,
MIMS, FLORIDA, 1951,
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: TAMPA

Reference is made to my ^{NR} memorandum dated 12-3-65
(your file _____). and my tel call, 3-2-78.

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____.

- A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
- B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
- C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
- D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
- E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
- F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
- G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
- H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION:

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During re telcall your were advised as follows: On March 2, 1978, Titusville resident [redacted] white male, DOB [redacted] at Terre Haute, Indiana, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] SSAN [redacted] appeared at Ft. Pierce, Florida R. A. in company of local NAACP representative [redacted].

[redacted] states he was a former member of the KKK and claimed personal knowledge of the bomb killings of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Mims, Florida, CIRCA, 1951.

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[redacted] stated he returned to Ft. Pierce, Florida, on a 30 convalescent leave from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, and agreed to make a bomb due to his knowledge of explosives obtained while in U. S. Marines. Ft. Pierce Klansman groupheaded by current St. Lucie County [redacted] (NA) included [redacted], current St. Lucis County [redacted] (NA), [redacted] and negro male known as [redacted] planned the killing in an orange grove outside Ft. Pierce and then [redacted] then drove to the Mims, Florida residence of Harry T. Moore. [redacted] advised [redacted] drew more away on a ruse and [redacted] set the bomb under the bed of Moore's house. The bomb allegedly was composed of a quarter stick of dynamite, black powder, muratic acid, sulpheric acid, and liquid sulpher for a "powder" train.

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[redacted] stated he ignited the bomb which killed Moore and his wife and the Ft. Pierce group were given clearance through Brevard County through [redacted]. The group returned to Ft. Pierce and had a few drinks in the Marine lounge, Ft. Pierce Hotel.

[redacted] stated he was 100 percent disabled, suffering from bone cancer and scheduled for leg surgery at the VA Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida, the end of this month and had only 3 to 4 months to live, and was also the holder of the metal of honor from World War II.

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Records reflect [redacted] (NA) was born [redacted] and he would have been 12 years old at the time of the bombing although [redacted] insists [redacted] is 5 to 6 years older than he. Unable to verify St. Petersburg VA Hospital records re [redacted] or metal of honor through records center, St. Louis, Missouri.

Above information furnished to Brevard County Sheriff's Office pursuant to Department instructions and as a result of discrepancies were noted in [redacted] story.

NOTE TO AAG, CRD, (CONTINUED)

[redacted] stated he would contact Brevard County Sheriff's Office [redacted] Titusville, Florida, upon his return tomorrow or Saturday.

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Also enclosed is one copy of the two statements taken from [redacted]. You advised that the only investigation that needed to be conducted was to contact the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and check the VA Hospital records re [redacted].

memorandum

DATE: 4/3/78

REPLY TO: SAC, TAMPA (44-2708) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE,
MIMS, FLORIDA, 1951

TO: CR (A)
(OO:TP)

DIRECTOR, FBI

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

In view of the fact that the Federal Statute of Limitations in this matter has run and the glaring discrepancies in the information furnished by [redacted] Tampa is making no further investigation in this matter.

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File No.

Tampa, Florida
April 7, 1978

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE,
MIMS, FLORIDA, 1951.

On March 2, 1978, [redacted] appeared at the Fort Pierce Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Fort Pierce, Florida, and furnished a signed statement regarding his knowledge of the alleged bomb killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Mims, Florida, Circa, 1951.

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Date of transcription 3/8/78

[redacted] General Delivery, Titusville, Florida, appeared at the Ft. Pierce, Florida Resident Agency in the company of [redacted], local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Representative. [redacted] stated he was a participant in the bombing of the MOORE residence, Mims, Florida, in which MOORE and his wife were killed several years ago.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and his basic rights pertaining to interrogation. [redacted] promptly waived these rights as indicated on a signed Advice of Rights - Waiver form, and insisted on furnishing the following signed statements:

"Ft. Pierce, Florida
March 2, 1978

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises have been made to me and since the doctors at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital have told me I have only a short time to live, I want to get this off my conscience.

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"I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in chemical engineering, and am the recipient of the Medal of Honor as a result of military service in World War II on Iwo Jima.

"I hereby say this to clear my conscience and also to make the guilty pay for what they have done, it's been many years ago but I still want to tell the truth of what happened.

Interviewed on 3/2/78 at Ft. Pierce, Florida File # MM 44-3540
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] : KLU/jgm 2 Date dictated 3/8/78

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"I returned to the Ft. Pierce area on convalescent leave from U.S. Marine Corps. Came on 30 day convalescent leave (Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.)

"I was a member of the K.K.K. Much talk about a man named MOORE. He didn't live in Ft. Pierce. He lived in Mims, Fla.

"I agreed to make a bomb with my knowledge of explosives.

"This I did. I made the bomb, accompanied the group of Klansmen to Miami, Fla.

"I placed the bomb under bed in MOORE's home.

"It did explode the bomb myself.

"Close details I will tell to F.B.I. officials which I have done.

"I do this without any promises as to leniency, etc.

[REDACTED]

"Residing now

[REDACTED]

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"March 2, 1978

[REDACTED]

SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78
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"Ft. Pierce, Fla.
March 2, 1978

"I, [REDACTED], while taking part in

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"a KKK meeting in Ft. Pierce, a man named MOORE was discussed. I knew about explosives and agreed to make a bomb. This I did.

"In the meeting were [redacted] (a colored man) was there.

"Traveling to Mims, Fla. to plant the bomb. [redacted] (colored man) was a decoy to get Mr. MOORE from home on a ruse.

"I planted the bomb in MOORE's bedroom under his bed.

"The explosion took place at 9:37 PM. Was knocked down by blast.

"[redacted] (Brevard County Sheriff's Office) gave us clearance through the county.

"Returned to Ft. Pierce, all went to Marine Lounge, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Ft. Pierce Hotel and had a few drinks.

"This information I'm giving is because I can't live with my conscience any longer and I'm suffering from incurable bone cancer.

"Mar. 2, 1978
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

[redacted] SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78

[redacted] SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78"

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In addition to the signed statements furnished by [redacted] advised as follows:

He obtained his knowledge of explosives during his service with the Third Marine Brigade, U.S. Marine Corps, and made the bomb himself. He stated this bomb filled a box approximately 4" X 5" and consisted of black powder, ¼ stick of dynamite, muriatic acid, and sulphuric acid.

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[redacted] advised the fuse to this device was a trail of liquid sulphur and he and [redacted] actually set the bomb under MOORE's bed.

[redacted] continued that the bombing took place in the springtime, around Easter, that it was Klan instigated, and that [redacted] was the head of the local Klan.

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From observation and interview, [redacted] is described as follows:

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Occupation
Military service

[redacted]

White

Male

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Terre Haute, Indiana

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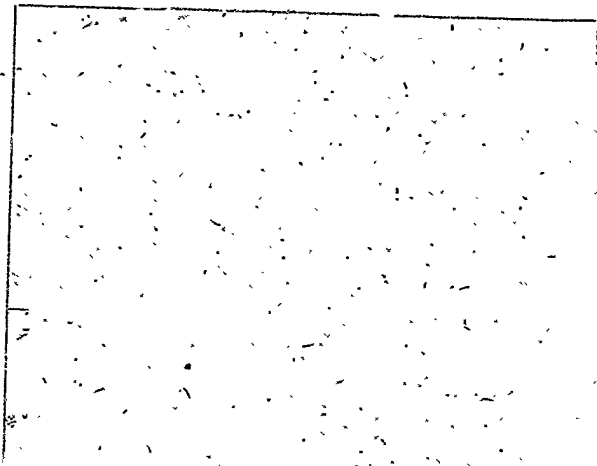
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Date of transcription

[redacted] Medical Records, Veterans Administration Hospital, furnished the following information:

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[redacted], Social Security Number [redacted] was supposed to report to this hospital in December, 1975, in connection with a heart condition. He failed to report on this occasion. He was an out patient at the hospital on a number of occasions in 1976, and his complaint always concerned pains in his chest. He has failed to get the necessary laboratory work done at the hospital in connection with his complaints. He was last at this hospital on June 23, 1976, at which time he again complained of pains in his chest. A note in his file reflects that as of August 18, 1976 his residence was listed as [redacted]. There is nothing in his file that indicates he is scheduled for surgery to remove any part of his left leg for bone cancer or any other reason.



Interviewed on 3/3/78 at Bay Pines, Florida File # Tampa 44-2708

by SA [redacted]:db 6 Date dictated 3/6/78

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KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE

On March 8, 1978, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., furnished the following FBI Identification Record number [redacted] regarding [redacted]:

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KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE

On March 31, 1978, [redacted] of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Titusville, Florida, who is in charge of their investigation of this matter, advised that there were glaring discrepancies in the statements furnished by [redacted], namely that the date was wrong; the time of the murder was wrong; several members of the family were in the house at the time; that Moore did not leave the house; and that the bomb was placed under the house and not under Moore's bed.

[redacted] advised that while they have not completely discounted [redacted] confession, in view of the above glaring discrepancies, his creditability is doubtful.

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Memorandum



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Subject <u>Unknown Subjects</u> <u>Killing of Mr. & Mrs.</u> <u>Harry T. Moore; Mims, Florida;</u> <u>Summary Punishment</u> <u>CIVIL RIGHTS</u>	Date OCT 14 1980 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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To Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

From [Redacted]
 Assistant Attorney General
 Civil Rights Division

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This will confirm the telephone conversation of [Redacted] and Linda K. Davis on October 10, 1980.

Local law enforcement officers have advised that the files in the above captioned matter are requested for law enforcement purposes. Since this is so, the restrictions of the Privacy Act do not apply. Therefore, please send all files to the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida at their Orlando office. The address of that office is: Federal Building & United States Courthouse, 80 North Hughey Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801.

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February 9, 1981

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Honorable Gary Louis Betz
United States Attorney
Middle District of Florida
501 Federal Building
88 North Hughey Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32802

- 1 - Mr. Monroe
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Attention: First Assistant, United States Attorney

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Dear Mr. Betz:

Linda K. Davis, Deputy Section Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., authorized and requested that the FBI release, for law enforcement purposes, all files pertaining to the investigation of the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects; Killing of Mr. and Mrs. Marry T. Moore, Mims, Florida, 1951; Civil Rights."

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A search of FBI records indicates there are seventeen file sections concerning the investigation of this civil rights matter at Mims, Florida. One copy of each section of this investigation is being forwarded to your office for transmittal to Brevard County State Attorney Douglas Chesire, Titusville, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Monroe FEB 13 1981

Charles P. Monroe
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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1 - Assistant Attorney General (See note page two)
Civil Rights Division

ATTENTION: LINDA K. DAVIS

1 - SAC, Tampa JMB:bam (8)
MAIL ROOM

SEE NOTE PAGE THREE...
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-30-82 BY SP4 [signature]

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Honorable Gary Louis Betz

NOTE: Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

NOTE: This letter, with its enclosures, is being sent to the United States Attorney, Orlando, Florida. The material relates to the civil rights investigation regarding the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, Mims, Florida, in 1951.

Honorable Gary Louis Betz

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By way of background information, this matter concerns a 1951 civil rights case captioned "Unknown Subjects; Killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore (Deceased) - Victims; Civil Rights; OO: Miami." Mr. Moore was Florida State Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., December 25, 1951, an explosive charge was detonated under the home of Harry T. and Harriett Moore, Mims, Florida, killing Mr. Moore and mortally wounding Mrs. Moore. Extensive investigation by the FBI from 1951 to 1955 failed to identify the unknown subject or subjects. On September 16, 1955, the U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida, advised this Bureau the case had been closed as the Statute of Limitations for any Federal offense had run and because the investigation had not developed any evidence to show violations of the victims' civil rights. However, since there is no Statute of Limitations in Florida for the crime of murder, items which the FBI was holding as evidence were turned over to state authorities for possible use in the event the subjects should later be identified.

On January 7, 1980, at the request of U. S. Attorney Gary Betz, Middle District of Florida, Tampa, Florida, a meeting was held in the U. S. Attorney's Office. Individuals present were: SAC Philip A. McNiff, Tampa Division; Brevard County State Attorney Douglas Cheshire; State Attorney Investigator and Tampa Division Supervisory Special Agent

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Mr. Cheshire advised that his office has been investigating the December, 1951, bombing death of NAACP official Harry T. Moore and his wife. Mr. Cheshire was formally requesting complete access to FBI files concerning this matter. Some time ago [redacted] was allowed to review the FBI files at the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., but the identity of informants had been concealed by use of the "T" symbols. Recently [redacted] has developed a source possibly in a position to furnish the identity of the unknown subjects responsible for the death of the Moores in December, 1951. The source indicates that the double murder of the victims was perpetrated by two members of the Ku Klux Klan, who are now deceased. One of these individuals is believed to have committed suicide. It is Cheshire's desire to review the files as completely as possible so as to compare the files with information he has more recently obtained from the source. Cheshire would only say that the source had been the head of the Ku Klux Klan "wrecking crew" and had been indicted for a crime similar to the above-captioned matter. The source is terminally ill and extremely difficult to deal with because of a mercurial disposition.

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On October 1, 1980, C. Brian McDonald, former Deputy Section Chief, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, telephonically contacted Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] and directed that copies of the reports relating to the above-captioned matter be furnished to the State of Florida as a Law Enforcement Cooperation Matter. At this time, McDonald stated he would follow with a formal written request.

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On October 10, 1980, Linda Davis, Deputy Section Chief, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, telephonically advised that the Department of Justice will allow that the complete FBI file, concerning the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, be sent to the Tampa Office (Orlando Resident Agency) for distribution to the State of Florida as a Law Enforcement Cooperation Matter.

Honorable Gary Louis Betz

On October 14, 1980, a formal request was received from Linda K. Davis, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, as follows:

"Local law enforcement officers have advised that the files in the above captioned matter are requested for law enforcement purposes. Since this is so, the restrictions of the Privacy Act do not apply. Therefore, please send all files to the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida at their Orlando office. The address of that office is: Federal Building & United States Courthouse, 80 North Hughey Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801."

On October 18, 1980, Linda Davis, Deputy Section Chief, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, was telephonically contacted by Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] concerning the above request. Ms. Davis emphatically stated that the FBI is directed to release all of the Harry T. Moore "raw" files, including all informant identities, to United States Attorney Gary Betz, Orlando, Florida. Mr. Betz will furnish the files to Florida State Attorney Douglas Cheshire. Ms. Davis again stated this matter was a law enforcement cooperation matter and as such, does not apply to FOI/PA guidelines.

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It should be noted that a 1978 Freedom of Information - Privacy Act request for information concerning the Harry T. Moore case was received at the Records Management Division, FBIHQ, from the "Sentinel Star" newspaper, Washington, D. C. The request was denied pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(b)(7)(a) which allows the withholding of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would interfere with law enforcement proceedings, including pending investigations.

Honorable Gary Louis Betz

In response to a request for information from the Brevard County States Attorney's Office, Titusville, Florida, and the authority granted by the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, for release of the Harry T. Moore files, seventeen sections of the investigative file concerning this matter were obtained from the FBI Central Records System. Each section was reproduced and reviewed by Supervisory Special Agent [redacted], Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, in February, 1981. Some of the serials relating to security and/or classified matters were removed and are attached to the file copy of this communication for inclusion into the case file. The "raw" file consists of FBI investigative reports, letters, teletypes, interoffice and intraoffice memoranda, notes, and the identities of "T" symbol informants and sources of information.

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On February 6, 1981, Linda Davis, Deputy Section Chief, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, telephonically advised Supervisory Special Agent [redacted], Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, that the Department will allow the Bureau to withhold informant/confidential source identities of individuals found in the Harry T. Moore case file.

In view of the fact that this request was received from a duly authorized local law enforcement agency, the enclosed information can be released under the "routine use" description of the FBI dissemination policy for information in the central records system. The "Federal Register" of 1/10/80, states "information from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to any state or local government agency directly engaged in the criminal justice process, e.g., police, prosecution, penal, probation and parole, and the judiciary, where access is directly related to a law enforcement function of the recipient agency..."

Based on the aforementioned reasons, one copy of each section of the file has been prepared as enclosures to the outgoing letter addressed to Honorable Gary Louis Betz, United States Attorney, Orlando, Florida. Upon receipt, U. S. Attorney Betz will review and make the enclosed material available to Douglas Cheshire, Brevard County State Attorney, Titusville, Florida.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 25, 1991

FBI
Office of Congressional Affairs
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20535

Harry T. Moore

Dear Congressional Liaison:

I have been asked by a constituent to assist in the matter described in the enclosed correspondence. I am referring this inquiry to you for your consideration.

Please provide the necessary information in duplicate and return the enclosures. Your correspondence should be sent to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Slade Gorton
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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The Honorable Slade Gorton, U.S.S.
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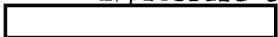
Harry Moore / CDH

Re: The 12/25/51 assassination of Florida NAACP leader, Harry T. Moore

Dear Senator Gorton:

Enclosed is a photocopy of an October 1, 1991, Village Voice article, "Murder Won't Out," by James Ridgeway. It's about the assassination of then Florida NAACP leader, Harry T. Moore, and his wife, Henrietta, on Christmas night, 1951. To this day, nobody has been indicted or prosecuted for these murders.

As you'll notice, the statute of limitations, under federal civil rights laws, expired in 1956. Also, the State of Florida refuses to pursue state murder charges, and the FBI refuses to release, to the public, the extensive taped confession of  confessed to both Florida law enforcement and the FBI, that it was he who manufactured the bomb that killed the Moores!

What about federal legislation to extend or, better yet, abolish the statute of limitations, under federal civil rights laws, as it relates to homicide? Also, what about Congressional pressure to force the FBI into publicly releasing the confession tapes of ? It would appear, based upon no mention of it within the Voice article, that there hasn't been any Congressional involvement, in this case. I think there should be!

Finally, would you be willing to enter, into the Congressional Record, the entire Voice article, or at least key selected excerpts from it? Would you be willing to pursue this case?

Sincerely yours,



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Murder Won't Out

After 40 Years, a Klan Crime Goes Unavenged—Despite New Evidence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This is the story of two sons of the true South: Stetson Kennedy, the grandson of a Confederate army lieutenant whose uncle was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and Harry T. Moore, a black school superintendent who became the head of the Florida NAACP in the 1940s. Both of them fought for racial justice at a time when to do so in the deep South was not merely unpopular but dangerous. One of them paid the price—and 40 years later, the other is still trying to pay a debt to his memory.

Kennedy, a native Floridian, wanted to be a writer, and early on he impressed Erskine Caldwell enough to contribute to the WPA's Writer Project series on Florida. Before the war, he compiled oral histories for the WPA, which led him to detest the Klan; and later he infiltrated the meanest Klan klavern of those times, the Nathan Bedford Forrest Klavern Number One, for the Anti-Defamation League. Soon he was meeting with Dragons and Wizards, police, judges, and other leading lights from across the South.

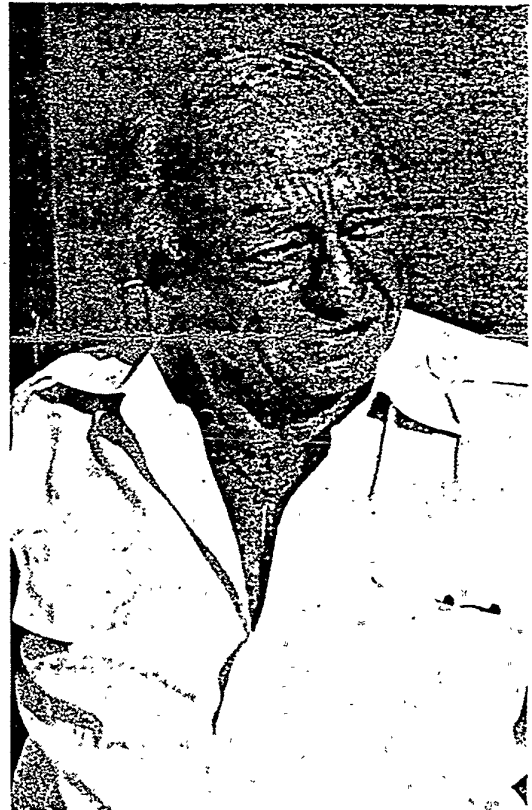
Every week, Kennedy would send the names and exploits of Klansmen to Drew Pearson in Washington, who would broadcast them over the radio as "Minutes of the Klan's Last Meeting"; they were so effective that Pearson called him "the nation's number one Klanbuster." In his books—*Southern Exposure*, *The Klan Unmasked*, and *Jim Crow Guide* (University Presses of Florida)—Kennedy wrote the history of race in the deep South. It was Kennedy who persuaded the scriptwriters for the *Superman* radio show to have the hero speak out against the Klan, which provoked Klansmen's kids to reenact Superman's fight against the KKK in their own homes. When the Klan sent their special hit team, the Klavaliar Klub, to ferret out the "rat" in their midst, Kennedy joined the Klub and began hunting for himself.

After taking his crusade against the KKK public, in 1951 Kennedy joined forces with the NAACP to run on an equality ticket against George Smathers, the segregationist Democratic nominee, for the Senate. Smathers was running on a platform calling for defense of the "Southern tradition." Racial violence was rampant back then—three years before *Brown v. Board of Education*, and 10 years before the civil rights movement under Martin Luther King Jr. would burst onto the American scene—and everyone knew that blacks who pressed for their rights against the segregationists were taking grave risks. That summer in Miami, half a dozen black homes in white neighborhoods were bombed.

Working with Kennedy was Harry T. Moore, then the head of



Then and now: civil rights activist Stetson Kennedy in 1946 (left), when he came out from infiltrating the KKK, and today.



the Florida NAACP, a determined man who lived in the tiny farming hamlet of Mims, just north of Titusville on Florida's east coast. Moore had struggled for years to win equality for blacks, and had often paid the price for his outspokenness. When he sued to demand equal pay for black teachers, he was fired from his job as superintendent of Brevard Negro High School. In 1950, Moore organized the Progressive Voters League, which oversaw the registration of 75,000 new black voters. The League supported Kennedy for the Senate.

Still, Kennedy's "total equality" ticket was too crackpot for Florida in 1951; he was arrested at the polls and the votes cast for him were thrown out. Smathers went on to victory.

The defeat did not discourage Moore. He immediately began demanding justice for Lake County sheriff Willis V. McCall, an old-line Southern sheriff who, in the same month as the election, had shot two handcuffed black prisoners he was transporting to a new trial ordered by the Supreme Court. The inquest, naturally, had speedily exonerated McCall, and Florida's governor had sent down a special investigator to look into the case.

It was the usual sort of Southern probe into a black killing in those days. Stetson Kennedy, now

no longer a candidate and working as a reporter, hit it off with the governor's investigator right away by flashing the secret Klan sign of recognition; the investigator shot it right back, before confiding that shooting the two manacled blacks would ensure McCall's election from that time forward. (And indeed, McCall went on to serve 30 years before getting dumped for malfeasance.)

Throughout the winter of '51, Moore held one meeting after another up and down Florida, demanding McCall be prosecuted. All of this made Moore a target for lynching. On December 25—both Christmas Day and Moore's 25th wedding anniversary—the lights in the NAACP leader's house went off at 10:10 p.m. Ten minutes later, the blast went off.

At the sound of the explosion, Mrs. Moore's two brothers, George and Arnold Sims, who lived 500 yards away, ran to the scene. They were the first people there, and they found the couple amidst the wreckage of their home. Moore was still on the mattress, bleeding from the mouth, and he "looked like [there was] not an unbroken bone in his body." The "white" ambulance refused to transport the Moores to the hospital, so George Sims drove them in his car the 30 miles to the Sanford hospital. Moore was DOA.

Then the cops went to work. A Brevard county deputy arrived, closely followed by the FBI, who put together a team of 100 agents and eventually issued an 88-page report. Typical of Klan-style law enforcement, the cops had immediately set about interviewing every black they could find, ostensibly to see whether Moore had

stroyed. We did what we could; others must carry on."

With their deaths, the case died too. That is, until nearly 25 years later, when the NAACP held a memorial service for the Moores and demanded the murder investigation be reopened. And in those seemingly changed times,

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made enemies in the black community.

Henrietta Moore died of her injuries after eight days in the hospital, during which period no lawyer ever made any effort to interview her—even though she told reporters the family had received threats and she had "some pretty good ideas as to who did it." Before she passed on, Mrs. Moore declared, "I don't much care whether I live or die. My husband is dead, my home de-

the Brevard County sheriff agreed to dispatch a detective to Washington to pore over the FBI files.

Then, in March of 1978, Charlie Frank Matthews, head of the Ft. Pierce NAACP and a well-known civil rights activist, was sitting in his car opposite the Ft. Pierce Hotel when a white man stumbled out of Fagan's bar—long a KKK nightspot in town—and called out to him by name. "I've got to talk with you right now!" the man insisted, pulling a

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sheaf of news clippings from his dungarees pocket.

"I made the bomb which killed the Moores, and want to confess," the man said, "but I want you to sit in on the confession, because I'm afraid the lawmen might mess me up or even do away with me."

"It's been on my conscience all these years," he continued. "My wife and I both have terminal cancer, so I might as well confess. Besides, the Klan never paid me the \$2000 it promised me for doing the job. It was treason beyond trust!"

He said his name was Raymond Henry Jr., and he was very drunk, but he sounded like he knew what he was talking about. Matthews called a Ft. Pierce detective who, with another officer, soon appeared and set up a tape recorder. The man went on with his story about the bombing.

In 1951, the man claimed, he had been in the Marines, and was on furlough visiting relatives when a rookie cop approached him and, identifying himself as a Klansman, declared of Moore, "That nigger has got to be got rid of. He's a threat to law enforcement and the white race." The Klansman/cop asked Henry if the Marines had taught him anything about demolition, and said that a bomb that got rid of Moore would be worth \$2000 to the Klan.

Henry said he could do the job, and he was taken to a trailer parked outside town and inducted into the Klan. The trailer was a mobile command center for the Klan's SWAT squad. Inside, Henry could make out some lawmen, but also merchants, grove owners, and ranchers. Soon Sheriff McCall

joined the group, and quickly offered to pay for three cars to transport the hit team to and from the Moores' home and to buy drinks for the "victory celebration" at Fagan's on Christmas night, 1951.

After several planning sessions, the hit squad set out for Mims on Christmas afternoon. At dusk a black man known as "Cowboy," who had been induced to play along with the plotters, knocked at the Moores' house and asked for help in locating relatives he said he wanted to visit. Mrs. Moore was out on a Christmas visit with neighbors; Moore obligingly got out his car and drove off to help Cowboy find his "relatives."

Then they went to work. The Klansmen set up sentries—though they had already stationed a deputy sheriff up the road to detour traffic away from the scene. Henry and two others picked the lock and went into the house, searching through the closets to determine which was the master bedroom. They attached the bomb to the bedsprings and strung wire out to a nearby grove of trees.

In the dark they waited. The Moores soon returned home. The sentries signaled when the lights went out, and after another 10 minutes, they touched off the bomb. Then they grabbed their equipment and rushed back to Fagan's, where Klansmen from around the state were boozing it up while they hovered around a radio, waiting for word of Moore's death. When the news came that Moore was dead and his wife dying, a cheer went up, and toasts were drunk all around.

Henry's story had kept Matthews and the detectives on the edge of their chairs. When he was finished, the detectives packed up their equipment and prepared to leave. "But," Matthews asked incredulously, "aren't you going to lock him up?"

"We wouldn't have no reason to do that," one detective replied. "This is high-echelon stuff. You'd better take him to the FBI in the morning."

The next day, Matthews took Henry down to the FBI, which questioned him for six days, recording everything. They even used a helicopter to make aerial photographs of what had once been the Moore house. When they were finished with Henry, the FBI turned him over to other local authorities, to whom he confessed all over again.

But he was never arrested. The FBI explained that the statute of limitations on any civil rights violations stemming from the murder expired in 1956. There is, of course, no statute of limitations on murder, but the state of Florida displayed no inclination to prosecute the matter either, dismissing Henry's confession as a drunken fabrication. To save Henry from the tender mercies of irate fellow Klansmen (who require all members to swear to willingly accept "death at the hands of a brother" if they ever betray Klan secrets), the witness was disappeared, reportedly into a government witness protection program.

Henry's confession never made the papers until almost a year later, when *The Orlando Sentinel* ran a front-page piece outlining it. At

the time, Sheriff McCall—still very much in charge of Brevard County—dismissed the charges against himself as "some of the bullshit you reporters make up."

Kennedy, now a 76-year-old retired activist, read the article and went back to Ft. Pierce to find Matthews. Together they traced the route of the murderers. Matthews was so frightened that the two changed cars throughout the day, and never slept in the same place twice. Kennedy tried to interest the state attorney, but he declined to get involved on the grounds that all the suspects were dead. Then Kennedy asked the FBI for Henry's confession tapes, but they refused to surrender them because of "insufficient public interest in the subject matter... to require release of personal records." In 1983, the Justice Department backed the FBI, refusing to release the Henry tapes on grounds of "privacy interest."

Finally, in July 1991, *The Orlando Sentinel* published a profile on Kennedy because his book, *Southern Exposure*, was being reprinted. In the profile, Kennedy appealed once again for anyone with information on the Moore killings to come forward.

About a month later, Kennedy got a phone call from a woman who told him her husband had often boasted to her of taking part in the Moore assassination. When she asked him, "Did you throw the bomb?" he just snickered. The woman told Kennedy that in late 1989, she asked a former Florida policeman, then a private detective, to tell the Brevard County sheriff's office she was prepared

to testify to what she knew about the killing. The detective reported back that the case was still open and the sheriff's office wanted to talk to her. But the sheriff never called. Instead, she got a call from a man who said, "This is Dr. AKAI, and we are watching you." AKAI is Klanspeak for "A Klansman Am I."

On August 26, 1991, Kennedy sent a copy of the tape recording from the new witness to Florida's governor Lawton Chiles, urging a new investigation. Chiles promised to conduct an investigation—but that's the last anyone heard from him.

Then, Kennedy's informant told him an "old man in a big van" had begun to drive around her home. When she'd go out shopping, she'd come back to her car to find shattered glass all around the driver's side. The latticework on her windows at home was repeatedly pushed aside at night; she found tracks under the window. Then, not long ago, her dog was poisoned. Looking under the hood of her car, she found someone had drained the brake fluid.

There's no real secret about the murder of Harry T. Moore and his wife, Henrietta. The names of the killers and the evidence to convict them are safely tucked away in the files of the FBI in Washington. The corroboration is in Henry's confession and in Kennedy's recently unearthed witness.

But the terror doesn't stop. The state of Florida will do nothing, neither will the FBI. Race is still the foundation of politics in America. ■

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March 4, 1992

Honorable Slade Gorton
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Gorton:

This is in further response to your November 25th inquiry on behalf of [redacted]

[redacted] contacted you after reading an article in the October 1, 1991, issue of the Village Voice regarding the December 25, 1951, murders of Harry T. Moore and his wife. He stated his concern that no one has been indicted or prosecuted for these murders and his belief that the FBI should release a taped confession to this crime by [redacted].

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The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pertaining to another individual. The disclosure of FBI records is governed by the provisions of the Privacy Act (Title 5, United States Code 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code 552). The Privacy Act prohibits disclosure of third party records in the absence of the written authorization of the other individual. This notification must be notarized and the original furnished to us.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, if records exist on the individual mentioned by [redacted], disclosure of the FBI's investigative interest in this individual could constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and, as such, would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemptions (b) (6) and/or (b) (7) (C) of the FOIA.

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Honorable Slade Gorton

By way of background, an extensive civil rights investigation conducted by the FBI from 1951 to 1955 into the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore failed to identify the unknown subject or subjects. On September 16, 1955, the United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, advised the FBI that the case had been closed as the statute of limitations for any Federal offense had run and because the investigation had not developed any evidence to show violations of the victims' civil rights. However, since there is no statute of limitations in Florida for the crime of murder, items which the FBI were holding as evidence were turned over to state authorities for possible use in the event the subjects were ever identified.

Additionally, while requests from the public for the confession have been denied pursuant to FOIA, our entire investigative file, consisting of 17 sections, was made available in 1981 to the Brevard County State Attorney in Titusville, Florida, for law enforcement purposes.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituent. As requested, your enclosures are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Congressional Affairs Office

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Senator Gorton wrote on behalf of [Redacted], who stated his concern that no one had been indicted or prosecuted for the murders of Florida NAACP leader HARRY T. MOORE and his wife on 12/25/51. He asked if congressional pressure would force the FBI to release to the public the taped confession of [Redacted], to these murders. Bufiles 44-4118, serials 402 and 403, contain the confessions of [Redacted] to the murder of HARRY T. MOORE. These documents were denied to a requester on 6/7/82 (190-15188-35) and the denial was upheld by DOJ, OIP on 9/7/83 (190-15188-39). Information in body of letter was taken from a 4/14/89 response to a representative of The Orlando Sentinel (190-63372-4). It was noted that although [Redacted] confessed to the murder, authorities discounted his confession because it did not match the details of the murder. He was never charged with this crime. Based on available information, Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [Redacted].

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